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2017 SUMMER STAT PACK

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Talent scouts will argue that stats are deceiving. We disagree. They may not tell the whole story, but they certainly provide a basic outline, and they're absolutely critical to your success in fantasy football. They're also a heck of a lot of fun to toss around on game day with your bar buddies. So without further adieu, we present our 2017 Stat Pack: a collection of three key statistics for each team that will give you some valuable insight into this upcoming season. These stats aren't your typical season recaps and are instead presented to provide you with rich context about teams and players that may not be obvious.

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ARIZONA CARDINALS

1. With 411.8 total PPR points in 2016, **David Johnson** posted the single best season since **LaDainian Tomlinson** (474.3 PPR points) and **Steven Jackson** (419.4) crossed the 400-point threshold in 2006.
2. If you isolate **David Johnson**'s 2016 pass catching statistics to wide receivers only, he would have finished 22nd in targets (120), 17th in receptions (80), and 35th in yards (879).
3. Over the past two years, 58.1% of **Larry Fitzgerald**'s cumulative PPR output has been scored in the Cardinals' first eight games of the season.

ATLANTA FALCONS

1. Last year, **Matt Ryan** posted the 4th best single season in adjusted yards per pass attempt (10.09) since the 1970 merger.
2. Ryan posted a league-leading 7.1% TD rate and threw for 309 yards per game in 2016. Prior to last season, his career TD rate was 4.5% and he averaged 260 YPG.
3. Per Pro Football Focus, **Julio Jones** has finished 1st, 1st, 5th, and 1st in receiving yards per route run over the last four seasons.

BALTIMORE RAVENS

1. The Ravens have 201 targets (29% of team share), and 30% of their "air yards" (passing yards minus yards after catch) are available for the taking from the 2016 season.
2. Outside of his one-year stint in Minnesota in 2015, in which he finished as the fantasy WR80 overall, **Mike Wallace**'s career receiver finishes in Pittsburgh, Miami, and Baltimore

are as follows: WR29 (PIT), WR6 (PIT), WR9 (PIT), WR25 (PIT), WR26 (MIA), WR29 (MIA), and WR25 (BAL).

3. **Dennis Pitta** led all tight ends in receptions (86) in 2016, but he finished 14th at the position in PPR points/game.

BUFFALO BILLS

1. **LeSean McCoy** has finished as a top-18 running back in 6 of 7 seasons since his rookie year.
2. McCoy's career fantasy finishes when he plays 15 or more games—not including his rookie season—are as follows: RB7, RB2, RB2, RB12, and RB3.
3. When **Sammy Watkins** is active (over the last two years), **Tyrod Taylor**'s YPA jumps from 6.27 to 8.80 and his passing TD rate increases by 17%.
4. BONUS: The Bills' have the 2nd highest percentage of team targets (43%) and the 2nd highest percentage of team air yards (55%) available from the 2016 season.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

1. Per PFF's Pat Thorman, **Cam Newton** ranked last in QB passer rating on passes aimed 5 or fewer yards downfield in 2016.
2. Last season, Newton finished last in adjusted completion percentage (that accounts for drops), he was last in accuracy rate under pressure, and he was last in accuracy rate when the pocket was kept clean.
3. Newton's 6.0 carries and 23.9 rushing yards per contest in 2016 was, by far, a new career low for him.

CHICAGO BEARS

1. When **Cameron Meredith** began seeing starter snaps from Week 5 on in 2016, he saw 22% of Bears' targets, tying for the 8th most among receivers in that span.
2. From Week 5 on, Meredith was the WR16 in total PPR points. He was 14th in receptions (60) and 13th in yards (836) during that span.
3. **Jordan Howard**'s 1135 rushing yards as a rookie were the 6th most since 2000, trailing only **Clinton Portis** (1304 in 2002), **Alfred Morris** (1237 in 2012), **Ezekiel Elliott** (1220 in 2016), **Doug Martin** (1207 in 2012), and **Jamal Lewis** (1135 in 2000).

CINCINNATI BENGALS

1. The Bengals have ranked 9th, 13th, and 4th in total RB touches over the past three years.
2. In that same timeframe, the Bengals have finished 6th, 2nd, and 6th in red-zone carries.

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3. **Joe Mixon** led the 2017 rookie running-back class in yards created per rush attempt, yards created/attempt versus 7 or fewer defenders in the box, yards created/attempt on inside-zone carries, missed tackles forced/attempt, receiving yards gained per route run, and receiving yards per game.
4. BONUS: Heading into 2016, the Bengals have the 8th smallest percentage of team targets (7%) and air yards (5%) available for their pass catchers.
5. DOUBLE BONUS: **A.J. Green**'s career finishes in PPR points per game (not including his rookie season) are as follows: WR3 (2012), WR6 (2013), WR9 (2014), WR12 (2015), and WR5 (2016).

CLEVELAND BROWNS

1. **Isaiah Crowell** finished 4th in yards gained after first contact per attempt in 2016, per PFF.
2. Cleveland trailed on 67.5% of their offensive snaps last year, the highest rate in the league.
3. The only Browns' wide receivers to finish inside of the top-24 in PPR points per game in their fantasy history since 2000 are **Kevin Johnson** (WR15 in 2001), **Braylon Edwards** (WR6 in 2007), and **Josh Gordon** (WR1 in 2013).

DALLAS COWBOYS

1. Among qualifying rookie quarterbacks since the 1970 merger, **Dak Prescott**'s 2016 season is 5th all-time in passing TD rate, first in INT rate, and 1st in adjusted pass yards per attempt.
2. Over the past two seasons combined, **Dez Bryant** has as many top-12 (WR1) PPR scoring weeks (6) as he did in 2014 alone.
3. **Ezekiel Elliott** scored the 4th most points in PPR scoring for any rookie running back all-time (since the merger) in 2016.

DENVER BRONCOS

1. **Emmanuel Sanders** and **Demaryius Thomas** accounted for 50% of the Broncos' target share in 2016.
2. No other Bronco saw more than 10% of team targets last year.
3. **C.J. Anderson**'s 2.40 yards gained after first contact per attempt in 2016 were the fewest in a single season for his career to date.

DETROIT LIONS

1. In the first six games of the 2016 season, **Marvin Jones** was the WR7 (PPR), while **Golden Tate** was the WR46.
2. In the final 10 games of the 2016 season, **Golden Tate** was the WR10 (PPR) while **Marvin Jones** was the WR72.
3. **Theo Riddick** (22%) and **Le'Veon Bell** (22%) were the only two running backs to see over 20% of their team's targets in 2016.

GREEN BAY PACKERS

1. **Aaron Rodgers** actually tied **Ty Montgomery** for the Packers' team lead in red-zone carries during the regular season last year.
2. In his final eight games of the year, Rodgers threw 20 TDs and only 2 INTs, while averaging

nearly 300 passing YPG and 9.24 adjusted passing yards per attempt.
3. **Jordy Nelson** finished as a top-12 (WR1) receiver seven times in 2016 (from Weeks 1–16), tying a career-high number of WR1 weeks in a season that he had previously set in 2011.

HOUSTON TEXANS

1. The Texans have finished 6th (2016), 5th (2015), and 1st (2014) in rush attempts per game in **Bill O'Brien**'s first three years as head coach.
2. In that three-year span, Texans' running backs have finished 5th (2016), 2nd (2015), and 1st (2014) among all teams in total RB touches.
3. In 2014–2015 combined, 64.4% of **DeAndre Hopkins**' targets were deemed catchable, per PFF. Last year, just 59.4% of Hopkins' targets were deemed catchable; that was the 14th lowest catchable target rate out of 96 qualifying receivers.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

1. George W. Bush was President (2005) the last time **Frank Gore** failed to finish as a top-20 fantasy RB in PPR formats.
2. Gore's career PPR finishes (total points) are as follows: RB12, RB14, RB20, RB18, RB10, RB17, RB16, RB5, RB14, RB7, RB5, and RB42 (Gore's rookie season in 2005).
3. If you combine team production, **Andrew Luck**'s tight ends have finished as fantasy football's cumulative scoring TE1 (2016), TE21 (2015 when Luck missed nine games), and TE3 (2014) over the past three seasons.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

1. In 2015, **Allen Robinson** finished 1st in targets that travelled 20+ yards in the air (46). He led all receivers in receptions (19) and yards (672) on deep-ball targets, per PFF (27 receivers qualified).
2. Last year, Robinson finished tied for 6th in targets that travelled 20+ yards in the air (31), but he finished 22nd in both receptions (4) and yards (108) on deep-ball targets, per PFF (24 receivers qualified).
3. Since **Blake Bortles** became the Jags' starter in '14, no other team has trailed their opponents on more offensive plays.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

1. **Tyreek Hill** posted the 8th best season in PPR points per route run (FP/R) in 2016. Rushing statistics are not included.
2. Since 2010, WRs that finish inside the 90th percentile or better in PPR FP/R see their following season FP/R dip by 17.4% on average.
3. Backfields coached by **Andy Reid** have finished inside the top 10 in team running-back PPR points scored seven times in the last 10 years. They have finished inside the top 16 nine times.

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

1. The Chargers have just 25 targets from 2016 available for the upcoming season, the 5th fewest in the league.
2. Despite the fact that the Chargers lost 11 games last year, they trailed on just 43.1% of their offensive snaps, the 10th lowest rate in the league.
3. **Hunter Henry** scored on 44% of his red-zone targets in 2016, while the league average TD rate for tight ends is about 30%.

LOS ANGELES RAMS

1. No team has more available targets (296; 55% of team share) heading into 2017 than the Rams.
2. Since the 1970 merger, there have been only 58 single-season occurrences in which a QB has thrown over 200 passes and averaged less than 3.0 net yards per attempt. **Jared Goff** became one of them in 2016.
3. In 12 games as a rookie, **Todd Gurley** had six top-12 (RB1) performances in PPR output. In 2016, he had just one (RB9 in Week 14 versus Atlanta).

MIAMI DOLPHINS

1. In the first four games of the 2016 season, the Dolphins were the 2nd most ***pass-heavy*** team in the league (66.8%).
2. Over their remaining 12 games of the 2016 season, Miami was the 4th most ***run-heavy*** team in the league (48%).
3. **Jarvis Landry** saw double-digit targets in each of the Dolphins' first four games but averaged 7.2 targets/game in the 'Fins remaining 12 regular season contests.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

1. **Sam Bradford**'s average depth of target (aDOT) at the catch point was only 6.60 yards downfield last year, per PFF. That was the 2nd lowest aDOT among qualified passers since 2010.
2. Minnesota's offensive line allowed 23% of their runs to be "stuffed" at or behind the line of scrimmage in 2016, the 7th highest rate in the league.
3. The average collegiate line opened up 1.22 yards blocked per attempt when facing seven or fewer defenders in the box in 2016. FSU's group posted just 0.56 yards blocked/attempt. In spite of the poor line play in front of him, **Dalvin Cook** finished 2nd in the class in yards created per attempt versus seven or fewer defenders in the box.
4. BONUS: Only **Kyle Rudolph** and **Travis Kelce** had more than five games over 15 DraftKings points in 2016 (both TEs had seven).

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

1. The Patriots have just 14% of their 2016 target share (14th fewest) and 10% of their air yards (12th fewest) unaccounted for entering the 2017 season.
2. Over the past five years, New England has finished 1st, t-8th, 1st, t-6th, and 1st in carries inside the opponents' 10-yard line.
3. In 2016, **Tom Brady** set a six-year high in passing TD rate (6.5%), his 9.30 adjusted yards per pass attempt was the 2nd best mark of his career, and his low 0.5% interception rate was the best mark of his career.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

1. **Drew Brees** was a Charger (2005) the last time the Saints failed to finish inside the top 4 in total RB receptions.
2. Brees finished as a top-6 fantasy passer every season he has been with the Saints. He has finished inside the top 3 seven times.
3. Over the past six seasons, the Saints leader in targets has not eclipsed 23% of the team's total share (**Jimmy Graham**, 2011).
4. BONUS: The three most heavily targeted single seasons for any Saints receiver (non-TE) are as follows: **Marques Colston** 143 targets (WR8 finish in 2007), Colston 131 (WR15 finish in 2010), and **Brandin Cooks** 121 (WR15 finish in 2015).

NEW YORK GIANTS

1. **Odell Beckham Jr.** has finished as the WR4, WR4, and WR1 in PPR points/game to begin his career. That's not bad.
2. Giants' HC **Ben McAdoo** used "11 personnel" (three WRs, one RB, one TE) on about 95% of the Giants' offensive plays in 2016. That led the league.
3. In 2016, **Eli Manning** posted his 2nd worst touchdown rate (4.3%) and adjusted yards/attempt average (6.40) over the past 10 years.

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NEW YORK JETS

1. In the Jets' final four regular season games in 2016, **Bilal Powell** played on 74.4% of Jets' snaps. In the prior 12 games, Powell averaged a 43% snap-rate.
2. Powell scored over 22 PPR points in three of the Jets' final four games.
3. After starting the season as the Jets' workhorse, Powell played on 72.5% of the Jets' snaps in their first three games. **Matt Forte** played on just 48% of the Jets' snaps in his remaining 11 contests.

OAKLAND RAIDERS

1. Over the past two years, **Michael Crabtree** leads **Amari Cooper** in targets (291:261), single games with 10 or more targets (13:9), RZ targets (34:20), TDs (17:11), and top-24 (WR2 or better) fantasy weeks (14:12).
2. In 2016, **Seth Roberts** saw more red-zone targets (22) than **Amari Cooper** over his last two seasons *combined* (21).
3. After a poor rookie season, **Derek Carr** has improved his adjusted passing yards per attempt every year in the league so far: 5.50 (rookie season), 7.0, and 7.50 (2016).
4. BONUS: Oakland has 67% of their red-zone attempts available heading into 2017, 2nd most behind New England.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

1. If we erase **Dorial Green-Beckham** and **Nelson Agholor**'s 2016 roles entirely, the Eagles effectively have 143 open targets (23% of team share) available for **Alshon Jeffery** and **Torrey Smith**.
2. The Eagles would have the 4th most RB opportunities (43.5%) and 4th most RZ attempts (54.5%) available if **Ryan Mathews** is indeed let go by the beginning of the season.
3. Philadelphia was the 3rd most run-heavy team inside the opponents' 10-yard line last year.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

1. If **Le'Veon Bell** played a full season at his 2016 pace, he would have finished with 424 PPR points. That would have beaten **Steven Jackson** (419) for the 2nd best fantasy season since 2006.
2. Over the past two years, when **Ben Roethlisberger** is at home, he averages 334 passing yards and 3.0 TDs per game with a strong 8.86 YPA.
3. In that same timeframe, when Big Ben hits the road his statistics drop off a cliff: 268.7 passing YPG, 1.0 TDs per game, and just 7.52 YPA.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

1. The 49ers have 36% of their target share (3rd most) and 39% of air yards (4th most) up for grabs from the 2016 season.
2. In 12 healthy games last season, **Carlos Hyde** averaged 15.9 PPR points per game, which would have been good enough for a RB9 finish at the position.
3. Hyde scored 14 or more PPR points in eight of his 12 healthy games last year.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

1. Inexplicably, **Jermaine Kearse** led the Seahawks in targets inside the opponents' 10-yard line in 2016. **Doug Baldwin** had seven targets inside the 10, while **Jimmy Graham** had just three.
2. Over the past two seasons combined, Baldwin has averaged 18.9 PPR points/game at home and 13.4 PPR points/game on the road.
3. In the seven games in which **Tyler Lockett** saw five or more targets, **Jimmy Graham** averaged only 9.1 PPR points/game. When Lockett was inactive or saw four or fewer targets, Graham averaged 14.4 PPR points/game.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

1. 68% of **Jameis Winston**'s passing yardage in 2016 came from air yards, the highest rate in the league among qualifying quarterbacks. This means that Winston derived a high rate of his total passing yardage through the air, as opposed to his receivers accounting for the majority of yardage gained after the catch.
2. **DeSean Jackson** (3631 yards) trails only **Calvin Johnson** (3901) in receiving yards gained on targets traveling 15 or more yards in the air since 2010.
3. **Doug Martin** scored over 15 PPR points once in seven healthy games in 2016.

TENNESSEE TITANS

1. **Marcus Mariota** was 2nd in passing touchdown rate (33.3%) in the red-zone in 2016.
2. Over the final six games of the season last year, **Derrick Henry** led **DeMarco Murray** in red-zone carries (13:12).
3. Over the final six games of the season last year, Murray smashed Henry in total snaps played (320:94).

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

1. Over the past two seasons, **Kirk Cousins** is tied for the 6th best adjusted yards per pass attempt (7.94) among qualified passers. The league average is 7.0.
2. **Jordan Reed** has caught at least 5 passes in 65% of his games over the past two seasons.
3. Washington has 214 targets (2nd most) and 50% of their air yards (3rd most) available from the 2016 season. FF

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HIGH-PROFILE PLAYERS AIM TO MAKE THEIR MARK WITH A NEW FRANCHISE

Alshon Jeffery

OFFSEASON ADJUSTMENTS

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WITH A LOADED FREE AGENT CLASS, 2017 SHAPES UP TO BE A SEASON IN WHICH A HIGHER NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON NEW TEAMS MAKE A FANTASY SPLASH. THERE ARE MYRIAD FACTORS TO PONDER WHEN THESE PLAYERS ON NEW TEAMS ARE RANKED BY THEIR POTENTIAL FANTASY IMPACTS, AND WE'VE CONSIDERED THEM ALL TO COME UP WITH OUR TOP-25 MOVES THIS OFFSEASON.

1 ALSHON JEFFERY (WR, PHI)

Teams were a little bit cautious due to his injury-plagued, PED-taking seasons from 2015-16, but they were also bidding on the potential he showed in 2013-14 when he posted 174/2554/17 receiving. Ultimately, Jeffery decided to bet on himself by taking a prove-it deal with the Eagles for one season. The Eagles are major winners in the deal, filling a major need at outside WR while risking little by signing him to a one-year deal. Jeffery must be confident that he can return to his old form at just 27 years old and with a much better QB situation. He's shaping up to be a risky low-end WR1 and a solid WR2 in fantasy drafts next summer.

2 BRANDIN COOKS (WR, NE)

Even though the Patriots lost **Martellus Bennett**, they still have targets to distribute to **Julian Edelman**, **Chris Hogan**, **Malcolm Mitchell**, **Rob Gronkowski**, **Dwayne Allen**, **James White**, and **Dion Lewis**. Of course, **Tom Brady** is basically the best to ever play, which helps, but it's hard to imagine Cooks getting a bigger target share in New England than he did in New Orleans. The Pats have only 79 vacated targets from last year's squad, and Cooks himself had 117 looks in 2016. There's also the additional issue of Cooks being far better indoors, as he's averaged almost 2.5 YPC more indoors than outdoors, and over 3.0 YPC more a game in New Orleans than on the road. Nonetheless, he's one of the NFL's fastest players, and he gives Brady an effective deep threat, something he's lacked on a consistent basis since **Randy Moss**.

3 TERRELLE PRYOR (WR, WAS)

Even for a franchise in a massive state of dysfunction and chaos, this is a fantastic deal for the Redskins. Pryor flashed that he has #1 receiver potential in his first full year at the position. Just 28 years old heading into the 2017 season, Pryor will have a ton of upside in Washington playing in a much better offense with a much better QB in **Kirk Cousins**. With **DeSean Jackson** and **Pierre Garcon** leaving town, 214 targets (35% of all targets) are there for the taking and Pryor should see plenty of those looks as an upside WR2.

4 MARTELLUS BENNETT (TE, GB)

Bennett is obviously stepping into a great situation playing with **Aaron Rodgers**, filling the void that **Jared Cook** left behind. Bennett doesn't have quite the speed that Cook has down the seams, but Marty B is the better overall receiver and blocker. He'll also be a major factor near the end zone, and Rodgers has never been shy about looking for TEs in the red zone. Bennett's floor will probably be as a low-end TE1 with the potential for much more playing with the NFL's best QB. Early indications are that he's not going to be a hot commodity in early drafts, which is a positive because there are some concerns about TD vulture **Lance Kendricks** stealing some scores from Bennett.

5 BRANDON MARSHALL (WR, NYG)

Marshall had an absolutely miserable 2016 with the Jets, so it's fair to wonder if he will rebound in his 12th season with his nagging injuries mounting. But, he landed in a great spot in this Giants offense that used 3-WR sets about 95% of the time last season. **Eli Manning** really needed a big-bodied possession receiver on the outside to play next to two smaller WRs in **Odell Beckham** and **Sterling Shepard**. Marshall will also provide some much-needed size down by the goal line after Eli posted his second worst TD rate (4.3%) of his career. And with OBJ on the other side, he should oftentimes get favorable matchups against lesser corners.

6 DESEAN JACKSON (WR, TB)

Jackson will fit like a glove with the Bucs. **Jameis Winston** is a high-variance thrower and, even at 30 years old, Jackson can still rip the lid off of defenses. Among qualifying receivers, Jackson led all receivers in yards (579) on passes thrown 20+ yards downfield in 2016. Keep in mind, Jackson missed one game last year and was banged up for about a quarter of the season, but he finished as a top-20 PPR wideout the second half of the season. Not only will Jackson provide a much needed deep-threat for Winston, it will also take a ton of pressure off of **Mike Evans**. Passing offenses are always looking for dynamic duos, and Evans-Jackson is about as complementary as we can think of.

7 EDDIE LACY (RB, SEA)

Lacy's battles with the scale spelled the end of his time in Green Bay this offseason. The Seahawks are betting on the old version of Lacy, and he'll be just 27 years old this season. This clearly indicates a complete lack of trust in the oft-injured and inconsistent **Thomas Rawls**, which makes a ton of sense. But it also provides an interesting dynasty buying opportunity on **C.J. Prosise**, an explosive talent we really believe in. Lacy and Rawls are likely to battle it out for the Seahawks' early-down work. We've seen the Seahawks under **Pete Carroll** revitalize **Marshawn Lynch**'s career, so it's not outrageous to think they can do the same with Lacy. Seattle also seems okay with him playing heavy, since they're looking for a big banger inside.

8 PIERRE GARÇON (WR, SF)

Garçon made himself a lot of money based off his 2016 performance—not bad for a guy who was practically free in fantasy drafts last summer. Garçon enters his age-31 season, but he's not the type of player that wins based on explosiveness and athleticism. He should have a couple good years left after having plenty of juice in 2016. Garçon has a special place in new HC **Kyle Shanahan**'s heart after he caught 113 passes under him in 2013 while with the Redskins. He'll immediately be the top target on the outside for a WR corps that was devoid of talent last season. He could be anywhere from a low-end WR2 to a high-end WR3 in fantasy drafts next summer.

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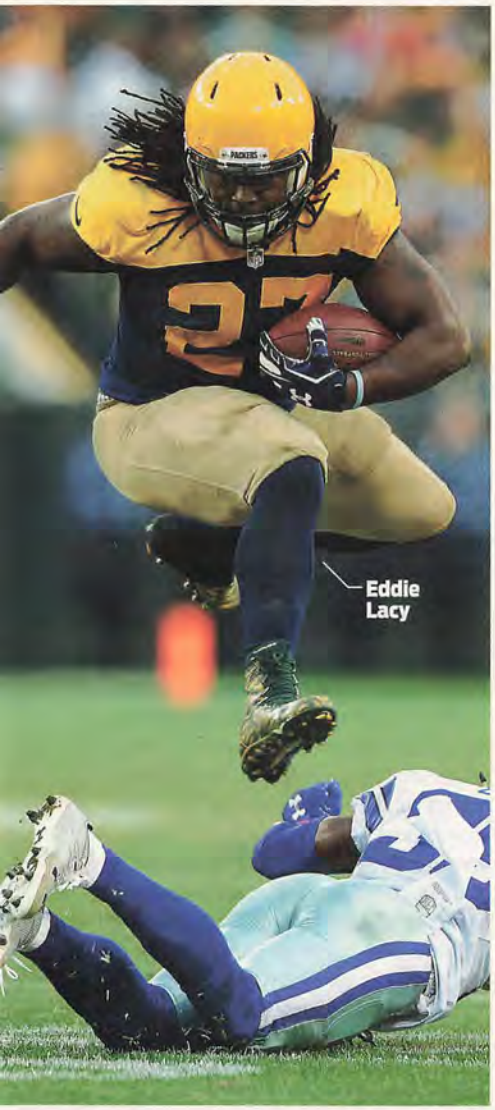
9 ADRIAN PETERSON (RB, NO)

Peterson settled for a two-year, $7 million contract with the Saints, which was a less than ideal landing spot for fantasy. With **Mark Ingram** around, it was unlikely that AP would ever be a true workhorse with the Saints, and he has never offered much as a receiver. Then the Saints added one of the top backs in the draft in **Alvin Kamara** to further complicate this backfield. The good news is that the Saints own one of the best O-lines in the league, and they used a surprising number of 6-OL sets in 2016, so they do go heavy and look to run the ball. AP should at least get most of the early-down/goal-line situations next season to be an RB2 option in non-PPR formats.


Eddie Lacy

10 KENNY BRITT (WR, CLE)

Britt has turned his career around after he nearly fell out of the league after five years in Tennessee, but it's still odd that the Browns let **Terrelle Pryor** walk after a clear breakout. Britt is coming off a career year with the Rams in 2016, posting his first 1000-yard season in eight years. Britt has a career average of 15.8 yards per catch, so he'll be a much-needed dynamic threat for a Browns offense that struggled last season—and he should be very used to playing with less-than-stellar QBs.

11 MIKE GILLISLEE (RB, NE)

The Patriots backfield is going to be a bundle of "fun" to decipher for fantasy this season between Gillislee, **Rex Burkhead**, **James White**, and **Dion Lewis**. Gillislee seems to be the best fit to fill **LeGarrette Blount**'s old role as the early-down bruiser and goal-line finisher. Blount certainly left behind plenty of opportunities for fantasy success, vacating 18 rushing TDs and 299 carries from 2016. Gillislee thrived as **LeSean McCoy**'s backup the last two seasons, averaging 5.7 YPC with 11 TDs on just 148 carries. Nothing is ever guaranteed in the Patriots offense, especially in this backfield, but Gillislee will likely get opportunities to be fantasy relevant as the top runner in New England.

12 DANNY WOODHEAD (RB, BAL)

Kenneth Dixon is suspended for the first four games of the 2017 season for violating the league's rules against PEDs, which is part of the reason why the Ravens signed Woodhead. The 32-year-old Woodhead, as of the spring, was close to being back to 100-percent health after tearing his ACL in Week 3 last season. As a member of the Chargers the past four seasons, Woodhead averaged 4.50 receptions per game, and he finished as the RB10 (2015) and RB17 (2013) in PPR points/game in his two seasons at full health. **Joe Flacco** does love throwing to running backs, targeting his RBs/FBs on 21.9% of his attempts last year, the seventh-highest rate in the league.

13 LATAVIUS MURRAY (RB, MIN)

Effectively going from one of the league's best offensive lines in Oakland to one of the worst overnight, it's a struggle to find much initial upside for Murray in Minnesota—especially after the team snagged **Dalvin Cook** in the draft. Cook and **Jerick McKinnon** will be involved on passing downs, which hurts Murray's upside. In a murky timeshare and without much juice in the passing game, Murray will be very TD-dependent. The good news is everyone knows this, so he'll be worth a flyer after he slips beyond the top-100 overall in fantasy drafts.

14 JAMAAL CHARLES (RB, DEN)

It's fair to wonder just how much Charles has left in the tank after knee injuries ended his last two seasons prematurely, which is why he didn't sign with the Broncos until May. Charles' contract has just a $1 million base salary with $2.75 million available in incentives, so this is a low-risk investment for the Broncos. They are hoping Charles will be able to at least work as a change-of-pace back to lead runner **C.J. Anderson**. Charles can do it all, so he could cut considerably into Anderson's workload if he can get completely healthy and show glimpses of his old form. Anderson is still the better guy to own in Denver, but depending on Charles' ADP this summer, he should be worth a flier later in drafts.

15 JULIUS THOMAS (TE, MIA)

In his two-year stint with Jacksonville, Thomas missed more games (11) than touchdowns scored (9). What's more, Thomas had been held under 50 yards receiving in 15 of 21 games with the Jaguars. The Dolphins bought him on the absolute cheap, and the Jags unloaded a big cap number for a guy who can't block and can't stay healthy. Thomas returns to playing for **Adam Gase**, under whom he had his two best seasons as a pro in Denver. He scored 24 TDs in 27 games under Gase from 2013-14, and he'll look to regain his former form with his old coach. It's mainly just a question of health with Thomas, and heading into 2017, he does claim to be healthier than he's been in 1-2 years.

16 JARED COOK (TE, OAK)

The Raiders have been in desperate need of a legitimate third receiver the last two seasons behind **Amari Cooper** and **Michael Crabtree**. Cook should fill that role and provide a big body in the middle of the field and in the end zone for **Derek Carr**. He'll also bring some speed down the seams to stretch the field. Cook has never been a consistent fantasy option, but playing with Carr puts him in the low-end

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TE1 conversation next summer. He certainly has some upside as we saw in the playoffs, but he'll need to learn his second offense and develop with his second QB in as many years.

17 ROBERT WOODS (WR, LAR)

Woods has been stuck in Buffalo's low-volume passing offense for four years, but $15 million guaranteed is quite a bit of dough for a receiver that has averaged 43.0 yards per game since joining the league. Woods is getting a quarterback downgrade from **Tyrod Taylor** to **Jared Goff**, but he is due for a big bump in target share. Former Ram **Kenny Britt** is now in Cleveland, leaving behind 111 targets in the Los Angeles' attack. Woods will likely transition into a primary boundary receiver, but he can play the slot if the team has success with **Tavon Austin** on the outside.

18 TED GINN (WR, NO)

Ginn is still an absolutely lethal deep-threat, and he'll replace the speed left behind by **Brandin Cooks** in the Saints offense in 2017. Among 78 qualifying receivers, Ginn finished the 2016 season ranked 12th in yards gained per target on throws traveling 20+ yards in the air. For what it's worth, Cooks finished 4th in yards gained per target on 20-plus yard passes in 2016. Besides being a deep-threat, Ginn's prowess as a receiver is fairly limited when compared to Cooks, but he should post a couple huge games playing with **Drew Brees** as a boom-or-bust fantasy option—think **Devery Henderson** circa 2006-2008.

19 KENDALL WRIGHT (WR, CHI)

Wright is a former 2012 1st-round pick, so the talent is obviously there, but he never really lived up to the hype in Tennessee, outside of his 2013 campaign. The Bears aren't exactly loaded at WR now that **Alshon Jeffery** is out of town, so Wright could come in and command targets from **Mike Glennon**/**Mitchell Trubisky** next to **Cameron Meredith** and **Kevin White**. Wright's signing will likely push Meredith to the outside more in 3-WR sets after he saw quite a bit of time out of the slot last season.

20 BRIAN HOYER (QB, SF)

Hoyer landed with old coach **Kyle Shanahan**, with whom he had his most success during the 2014 season in Cleveland, when Hoyer went 7-6 as a starter and threw for 7.6 YPA. He actually played pretty well as the starter for Chicago in 2016, throwing for 6 TDs without an INT and throwing for 300+ yards in all four of his starts in Weeks 3-6. Hoyer certainly isn't the long-term solution in San Francisco, but he should put up solid numbers and be a streaming option while he keeps the seat warm at QB.

21 TIM HIGHTOWER (RB, SF)

This fit makes sense for Hightower. A respected third-down player because of his short-yardage prowess, receiving skills, and blocking ability, he joins a backfield that has an early-down solution in **Carlos Hyde**. But given Hyde's injury history, the reliable Hightower could be needed to fill in for a couple weeks. He had a decided advantage over intriguing rookie **Joe Williams**, who is a zero in the passing game.

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22 REX BURKHEAD (RB, NE)

Burkhead's signing, along with the acquisition of **Mike Gillislee,** really muddies an unpredictable Patriot offense for 2017. Burkhead flashed in a meaningless Week 17 game at the end of 2016, but he had just 60 career carries in four years prior to that date. The Patriots now have four very capable pass-catching backs, and their attack will be incredibly hard to predict on a week-to-week basis. But Burkhead is an underrated runner and receiver, and he could step up big time if Gillislee is out of the mix or not getting it done.

23 DWAYNE ALLEN (TE, NE)

The Patriots clearly like having two capable TEs to use 2-TE sets and for insurance for if/when **Rob Gronkowski** gets injured. If Gronk is healthy off his back surgery, Allen will be just off the fantasy radar when the season starts, although he could pop up with some production in a couple games playing with **Tom Brady**. Of course, if Gronk goes down at any point next season, Allen will immediately jump into the low-end TE1 conversation while he's out of the lineup.

24 TORREY SMITH (WR, PHI)

Torrey needed to get out of the Bay Area, and new 49ers coach **Kyle Shanahan** and company granted him his wish. Smith is just 28 years old and has juice left in his legs, and he gives the Eagles some much-needed speed on the perimeter, which **Carson Wentz** had none of in 2016. Nonetheless, we'd be surprised if Smith provides consistent fantasy value. He's rarely been that type of player.

25 JOSH MCCOWN (QB, NYJ)

In five games in 2016, McCown threw 6 TDs and 6 INTs while completing 54.5% of his passes, and he was often injured to boot. Nonetheless, he's typically valued for his "coaching" ability of young QBs, and the Jets already have two young ones in **Christian Hackenberg** and **Bryce Petty**. McCown is being paid to be a bridge starter, but it's hard to imagine him offering much more on field than **Ryan Fitzpatrick** did, and McCown has never been one to stay healthy for long. FF

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1 LEONARD FOURNETTE (RB, JAC)
SCHOOL: LSU
DRAFTED: 1st round, 4th overall

The Jaguars completely showed their hand in the 2017 NFL Draft, spending the #4 overall pick on Fournette, while using their early 2nd-round pick on Alabama G/T **Cam Robinson**. They're going to run the hell out of the ball. The Jaguars continued to build up their defense through free agency this offseason, and their plan is obviously to run the ball, win low-scoring games, and hide **Blake Bortles**. And make no mistake, the Jaguars didn't draft Fournette to make him a rotational player. While there are concerns about Fournette's ability to play out of shotgun and contribute on third downs, he has a slam-dunk role on early downs. In other words, we wouldn't be shocked if Fournette returns top-12 value in 2017, much like **Jordan Howard** did last year. The Jaguars drafted Fournette to be their centerpiece, just as the Cowboys did with **Ezekiel Elliott** a season ago. Fournette's situation isn't nearly as good as that, but he still makes sense as a 2nd-round type of fantasy pick in all formats. If he's healthy, 250 carries are a near lock.

2 CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY (RB, CAR)
SCHOOL: Stanford
DRAFTED: 1st round, 8th overall

The only reason we have McCaffrey lower than **Leonard Fournette** in 2017 (he's still our #1 dynasty back) is simply because we feel Fournette has a bigger guaranteed role. The Panthers extended **Jonathan Stewart**, and we anticipate the vet will still have *some* work. Additionally, **Cam Newton** has never really had this type of player before, and we're wondering if a less aggressive approach to his passing game will take some learning. That said, Panther OC **Mike Shula** is one of the NFL's most creative run-game coordinators, and McCaffrey's versatility is a wonderful fit for that attack. But again, there still must be a philosophical change to the Panthers' offense to get the most out of McCaffrey. Their *entire backfield* combined for just 44 receptions in 2016, and that number for McCaffrey alone would be disappointingly low. What we have now is a player we love, in a *theoretical* good fit, but there remain plenty of questions. As we stand now, McCaffrey is likely a 4th-round pick in redraft leagues, and spending that kind of capital on him does take a bit of a leap of faith.

3 COREY DAVIS (WR, TEN)
SCHOOL: Western Michigan
DRAFTED: 1st round, 5th overall

Davis joins a rising Titans offense with young franchise QB **Marcus Mariota**. It shouldn't take Davis long to become the top receiver in this offense, jumping ahead of WR **Rishard Matthews** and siphoning some targets away from TE **Delanie Walker**. Davis did undergo minor ankle surgery after injuring himself while training last January. His ankle injury combined with Mariota's recovery from a broken leg, suffered late last season, does put a bit of a damper on Davis' outlook for 2017 since they will have limited time to work together this summer. The jump in competition could also be a small issue at the start of Davis' career, but he's a polished enough product to start right away on the outside with the potential to be a fantasy WR3 with upside as a rookie.

4 JOE MIXON (RB, CIN)
SCHOOL: Oklahoma
DRAFTED: 2nd round, 48th overall

The Bengals currently appear deep at RB, but if you want to boil it down to the simplest possible terms, **Jeremy Hill** stinks and **Giovani Bernard** is coming off an ACL tear. Since averaging 5.1 YPC as a rookie in 2014, Hill has averaged 3.7 YPC on 445 carries in the two years since. The Bengals clearly drafted Mixon because they believe he can be their lead back almost immediately. At a bare minimum, he can contribute as a receiver in the early going, but he is also a more gifted runner than either Hill or Bernard. Of course, those considering taking him with a rookie pick or redraft pick must consider Mixon's history. We would imagine the Bengals (and if not them, the NFL overall) will have zero tolerance for any bad behavior from Mixon, especially as it relates to his treatment of women. On the field, we'd expect Mixon to be the Bengals' lead back sooner rather than later, and he has the skills to play on third downs.

5 MIKE WILLIAMS (WR, LAC)
SCHOOL: Clemson
DRAFTED: 1st round, 7th overall

The Chargers surprised most by taking Williams with the #7 overall pick. He'll have a tough

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path to fantasy stardom as a rookie because the Chargers have seven capable receivers for **Philip Rivers** to distribute passes to between Williams, **Keenan Allen**, **Tyrell Williams**, **Travis Benjamin**, **Dontrelle Inman**, **Hunter Henry**, and **Antonio Gates**. The Chargers will give Williams every chance to start right away on the outside as an X receiver, but we'll need to see how the roles shake out in training camp. If he can secure a significant role, he could be a fantasy WR3 or WR4 playing with Rivers in 2017. Williams should be a high-volume receiver early in his career, but the presence of other young talented receivers in Allen, Tyrell Williams, and Henry does damper Williams' dynasty outlook a bit.

6 DALVIN COOK (RB, MIN)

SCHOOL: Florida State
DRAFTED: 2nd round, 41st overall

We really are not thrilled with Cook's post-draft landing spot. The Vikings had one of the NFL's most ineffective run games last year, which is surely why they made it a point to trade up and acquire Cook during the draft, even after signing **Latavius Murray** during the offseason. After all, Vikings players combined for 3.2 YPC on 380 carries last season, which is absolutely horrific. However, did the Vikings truly nip the *major* issue—the offensive line—in the bud? Keep in mind that in addition to his poor NFL Combine, off-field issues played into Cook's slide in the draft, though they weren't publicly debated as much as **Joe Mixon**'s. Still, Cook's tape shows a complete player, and we would lay the biggest wager on him to lead this backfield in carries, but there's an uphill climb to major fantasy relevance.

7 ZAY JONES (WR, BUF)

SCHOOL: East Carolina
DRAFTED: 2nd round, 37th overall

Jones wasn't expected to be one of the elite athletes at WR in this year's class, but he locked himself in as a Day 2 draft pick because of his predraft performances. He landed in an ideal spot to make an immediate impact as the #2 WR behind **Sammy Watkins**, bringing more athleticism to **Robert Woods**' old spot out of the slot and as a Z receiver. Of course, this Bills offense isn't a high-volume passing attack with **Tyrod Taylor** in charge, but Jones should see enough targets to be a fringe WR3 in PPR formats as a rookie. And given Watkins' lengthy injury history, Jones has some upside if he becomes the #1 target for a stretch of time next season.

8 ALVIN KAMARA (RB, NO)

SCHOOL: Tennessee
DRAFTED: 3rd round, 67th overall

The Saint backfield will continue to be a massive fantasy headache, assuming they don't move **Mark Ingram**, after drafting Kamara and signing **Adrian Peterson**. But at the least, **Sean Payton** has experience getting production out of this role. The assumption, based on his college role and skill set, is that Kamara will play the **Reggie Bush/Darren Sproles** role in the Saint offense. And while Kamara doesn't figure to get more than 10-12 touches per game in that role, keep in mind that between 2007 and 2013 that slot produced four top-12 PPR FPG seasons (two each for Bush and Sproles).

9 O.J. HOWARD (TE, TB)

SCHOOL: Alabama
DRAFTED: 1st round, 19th overall

HC **Dirk Koetter** will use Howard as a mismatch nightmare at 6'6", 251 pounds, with long arms and big hands. The Buccaneers see a player who was underutilized by **Lane Kiffin** and **Nick Saban** in the passing game. Howard is actually an unfinished product, which is a bit of a rarity for Alabama prospects. He projects to be a much better pro than college player, and he could thrive playing with up-and-coming QB **Jameis Winston**. He also should have plenty of room to make plays in the middle of the field with stud WRs **Mike Evans** and **DeSean Jackson** garnering plenty of attention on the outside. Howard will have to contend with last year's breakout TE **Cameron Brate** for playing time, which slightly dampers his fantasy outlook for 2017.

10 EVAN ENGRAM (TE, NYG)

SCHOOL: Mississippi
DRAFTED: 1st round, 23rd overall

Engram is a jack-of-all-trades for the position because of his athleticism. He can line up as an inline TE, as an H-back, as a move TE, as a slot receiver, and as an outside receiver. Hopefully, HC **Ben McAdoo** has a plan for how to effectively use him, but it should only be a matter of time before he's a mismatch nightmare. The best-case scenario is that he turns into a **Jordan Reed** type, and at the very least he should be in the same vein as **Charles Clay**. Engram landed in a great spot to play right away with this lean Giants TE depth chart, but he'll be in a battle for consistent targets with one of the better trios of WRs in the league in **Odell Beckham**, **Brandon Marshall**, and **Sterling Shepard**.

11 SAMAJE PERINE (RB, WAS)

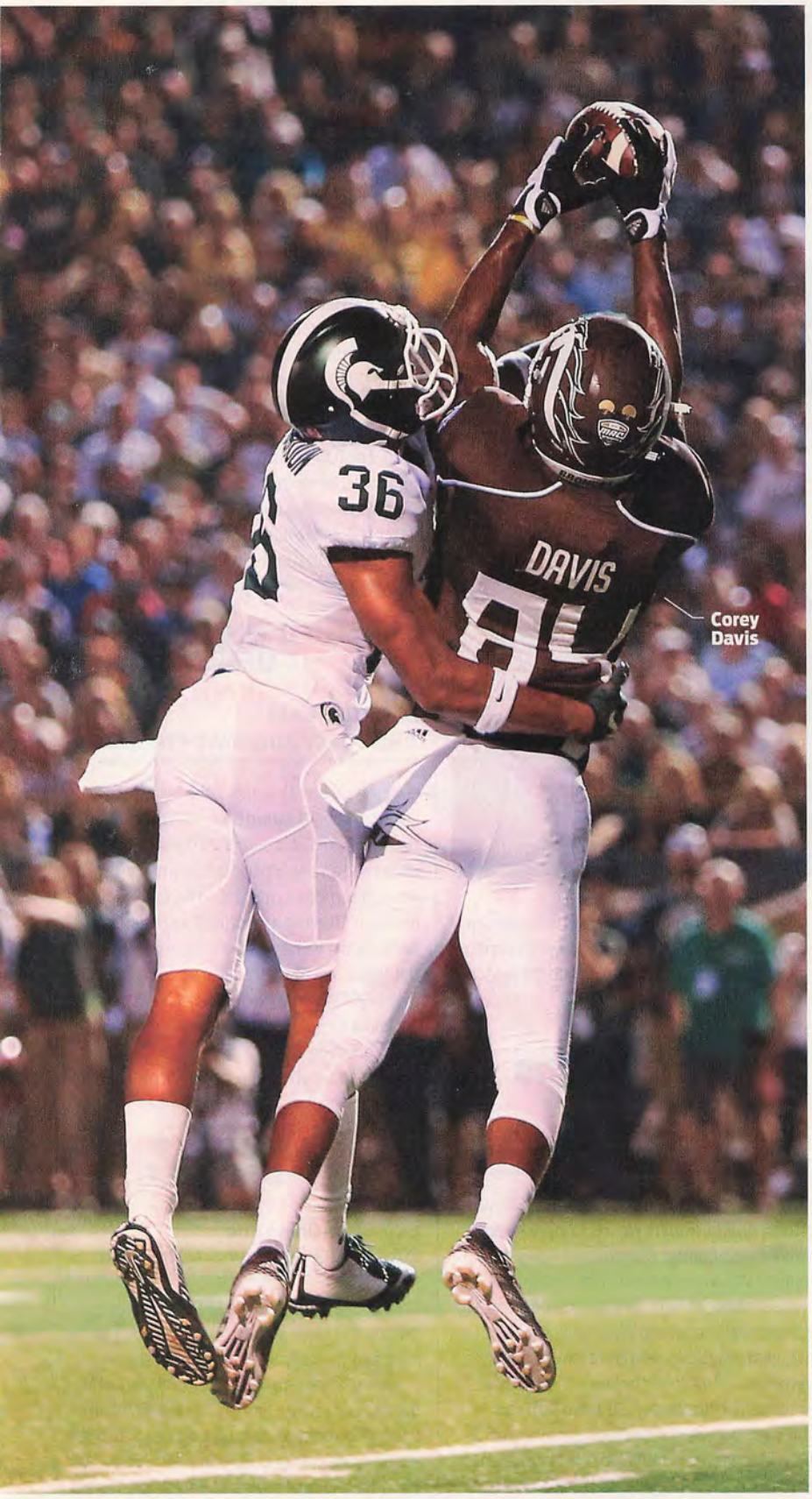
SCHOOL: Oklahoma
DRAFTED: 4th round, 114th overall

Talk about a no-brainer fit. As a low-to-the-ground bruiser, Perine fits exactly what Washington has looked for in its lead back under **Jay Gruden**, starting with the drafting of **Matt Jones** two years ago and the emergence of UDFA **Rob Kelley** last year. Not to take away from a pretty impressive rookie season for Kelley, but Perine is just a much better athlete and producer than Kelley, and our money is on Perine usurping him as Washington's lead back as early as Week 1. Though he may not get a lot of passing-game work, he should get plenty of TD opportunities on what should still be an effective offense behind one of the NFL's best offensive lines.

12 KAREEM HUNT (RB, KC)

SCHOOL: Toledo
DRAFTED: 3rd round, 86th overall

In Hunt, we saw an elusive, competitive football player who can contribute on third downs as a blocker and receiver. We love this spot for Hunt, who was clearly viewed as highly by the Chiefs as we viewed him. **Spencer Ware** (4.3 YPC) was the only Chief RB to average more than 3.3 YPC last year, though **Tyreek Hill** helped offset some of that. Ware was certainly effective enough, especially as a receiver, but he really started to wear down in his first year as a full-time runner, and surprisingly scored just 5 total TDs. We expect Ware to enter the season as the Chiefs' top back, since he wasn't bad by any stretch last year, but Hunt will have a chance to emerge here, maybe by midseason.



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13 JOHN ROSS (WR, CIN)

SCHOOL: Washington
DRAFTED: 1st round, 9th overall

Ross didn't land in a great spot to make a huge fantasy impact right away. WR **A.J. Green** is a target hound, averaging double-digit looks a game in 2016, and TE **Tyler Eifert** is also heavily used when he's actually healthy. QB **Andy Dalton** also has never been known as a prolific downfield thrower, and Ross' speed is obviously his biggest strength. On the bright side, Ross should get plenty of one-on-one opportunities playing across from one of the league's best WRs in Green. Ross will make an instant impact for the Bengals offense next season as a vertical threat, which will likely put him in the WR4 conversation. He's likely always to be better for non-PPR formats because he's more of a big-play receiver than a volume receiver.

14 DAVID NJOKU (TE, CLE)

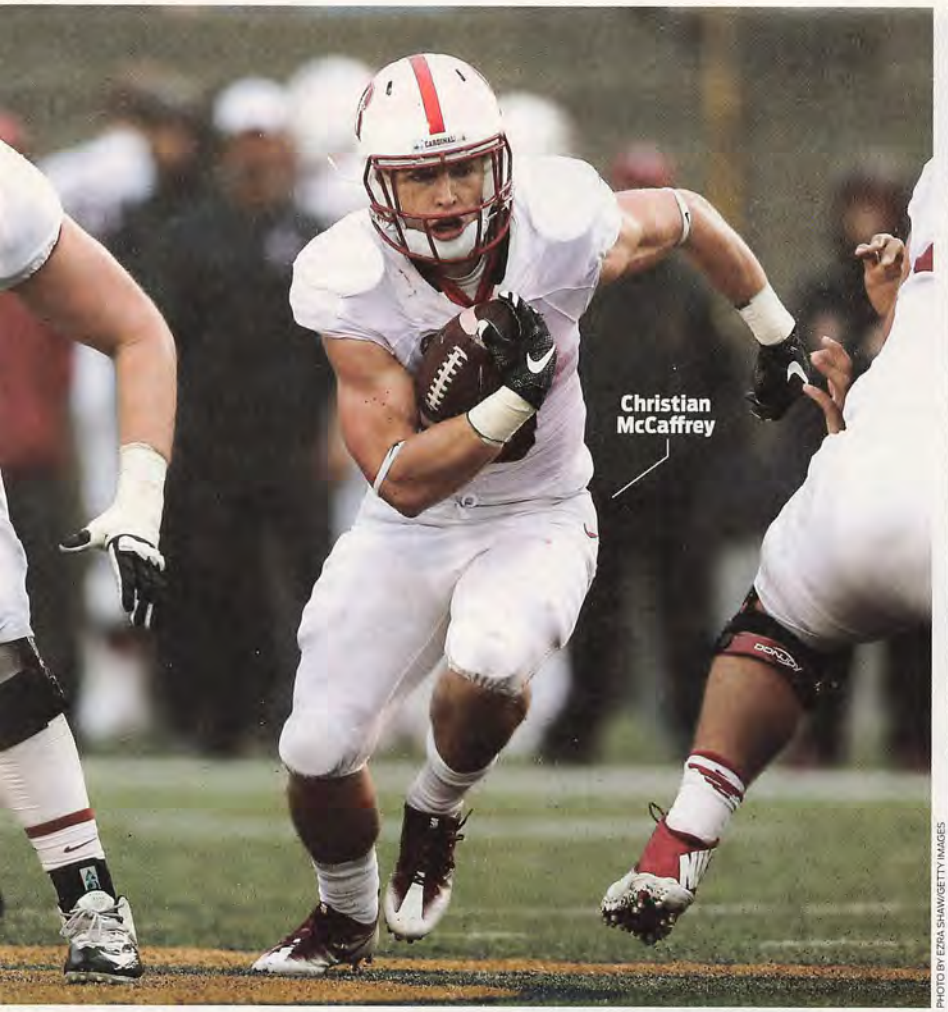
SCHOOL: Miami
DRAFTED: 1st round, 29th overall

Njoku should develop into a better pro once he gets a little more playing experience, and he has arguably more upside than top TE prospect **O.J. Howard**. Njoku is everything that any team would want in terms of athleticism for the position, and he should be able to make an impact as a receiver in 2017 since the Browns immediately cut **Gary Barnidge** after they drafted Njoku. He'll need to make progress as a blocker to be a three-down TE as a rookie, but the potential for stardom is certainly there. The big question will be if Njoku can get reliable enough QB play to make a consistent fantasy impact as a TE2 during his rookie season.

15 ARDARIUS STEWART (WR, NYJ)

SCHOOL: Alabama
DRAFTED: 3rd round, 79th overall

Stewart comes to the league as a pretty complete player, which isn't surprising for an Alabama prospect playing in **Nick Saban**'s NFL factory. He is 23 years old, so he might not have the ceiling that some of the other 2017 WR prospects have, but he should be able to make an immediate impact in a Jets offense



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that is lacking at receiver. **Eric Decker** is their top weapon and coming off major hip and shoulder surgeries. He projects best out of the slot, but the Jets could certainly ask him to line up outside since they have multiple options to play inside. Stewart is unlikely to ever be a true fantasy stud, but he should step into a fairly large role with the Jets.

16 JAMAAL WILLIAMS (RB, GB)

SCHOOL: BYU
DRAFTED: 4th round, 134th overall

Keep in mind the Packers drafted two other backs in **Aaron Jones** and **Devante Mays**. Since Williams was the top choice of those three, ostensibly he's the guy the Packers like best, and he does provide the biggest contrast from WR-turned-RB **Ty Montgomery** in the backfield. Because he's a short-yardage specialist who can block, he'll also fit what the Packers do. We just don't think he's a particularly special runner, and both backs taken after him may have more natural ability. It's going to take well into the season for Williams' role to shake out.

17 JOSH REYNOLDS (WR, LAR)

SCHOOL: Texas A&M
DRAFTED: 4th round, 117th overall

The Rams apparently love their interior WRs with **Tavon Austin**, **Robert Woods**, **Cooper Kupp**, and **Pharoh Cooper**. Reynolds is the only true outside WR on this roster with his length and vertical ability, so he has an uncluttered path to be the starting X receiver in Week 1 if all goes well. He has gliding vertical speed and a long frame in the red zone, and he should be able to help in those areas early in his career. If QB **Jared Goff** can take a step forward in his development in Year 2, Reynolds has the potential to be a fantasy bench piece for non-PPR formats as a rookie.

18 DESHAUN WATSON (QB, HOU)

SCHOOL: Clemson
DRAFTED: 1st round, 12th overall

Though Houston coach **Bill O'Brien** said immediately after drafting Watson that he still considers **Tom Savage** his starting QB, we're not buying it. We thought Watson was the most pro-ready QB in this class, and we expect him to be Houston's signal-caller Week 1. While Watson's situation isn't *perfect*—the offensive line is a little suspect—it's way better than most rookie QBs get. He has a nice receiving corps with **DeAndre Hopkins**, **Will Fuller**, **Braxton Miller**, and **C.J. Fiedorowicz**. His run game should be functional at a minimum, with **Lamar Miller** and intriguing rookie **D'Onta Foreman**. And Watson also has the advantage of his legs, which should provide added value (he's not an elite mover, but can contribute much like a **Dak Prescott** type in that area).

19 D'ONTA FOREMAN (RB, HOU)

SCHOOL: Texas
DRAFTED: 3rd round, 89th overall

Over the past three seasons, the Texans have given backup RB **Alfred Blue** 452 carries, to the tune of 3.6 YPC. And although starter **Lamar Miller** had an overall solid 2016 campaign, there was just something missing on his tape, and he doesn't feel like a true "lead" back who gets better as the game wears on. We expect to see the Texans run the ball quite a bit to support rookie QB **Deshaun Watson**, and 8-10 carries per game for Foreman behind Miller is not out of the question. At the very least, he's instantly the best back behind Miller, and will be a priority handcuff in redraft leagues.

20 CURTIS SAMUEL (WR, CAR)

SCHOOL: Ohio State
DRAFTED: 2nd round, 40th overall

The Panthers and OC **Mike Shula** seem to be shifting this aerial game to more of a short-passing attack by drafting dynamic "offensive weapons" **Christian McCaffrey** and Samuel in the first two rounds. Samuel has already been told he'll be used primarily in the slot, while also seeing snaps in the backfield with McCaffrey. We worry that Samuel could be a **Dexter McCluster**

type, who is completely frustrating for fantasy because of inconsistent and uninspired usage. The best-case scenario is that he's used like **Tyreek Hill** in the future. Samuel has plenty of big-play ability, and he could sneak into the fantasy radar if he gets enough productive touches per game as a rookie.

21 JOE WILLIAMS (RB, SF)

SCHOOL: Utah
DRAFTED: 4th round, 121st overall

Our assumption is Shanahan sees a lot of **Tevin Coleman** in Williams, though Williams was just awful as a receiver in college. The 49er backfield is crowded as we stand now, as they have **Carlos Hyde**, **Kapri Bibbs**, **Kyle Juszczyk**, among others, so Williams would have to make an impact in camp to earn a role. But there's plenty of evidence here that the 49ers aren't in love with Hyde, so expect the talented Williams to get a chance. He's a very interesting late flyer, mostly because of his explosive athletic profile, but he needs to improve as a receiver.

22 JUJU SMITH-SCHUSTER (WR, PIT)

SCHOOL: USC
DRAFTED: 2nd round, 62nd overall

The Steelers became extremely thin at the position thanks to **Martavis Bryant**'s season long suspension and **Sammie Coates**' disappearing act in the middle of last season. The Steelers got some insurance by drafting one of our favorite rookie WRs in Smith-Schuster at #62 overall. Smith-Schuster is a big, physical receiver who should be able to play on the outside right away as a possession receiver. No offense to marginal slot WR **Eli Rogers**, but the Steelers will also likely try to develop JuJu as a big slot receiver. He'll likely be a fantasy bench option as a rookie, but he should have a long career as a #2 WR on the outside.

23 JEREMY MCNICHOLS (RB, TB)

SCHOOL: Boise State
DRAFTED: 5th round, 162nd overall

The Buc backfield seems crowded, but is it really? **Doug Martin** had a disastrous season last year and is suspended for the first three games of the 2017 season. **Charles Sims** has been injured for much of his NFL career and was ineffective last season. **Jacquizz Rodgers** had an impressive 2016 and earned a new contract, but is he a one-year wonder? Of course, McNichols has to get *himself* healthy after offseason shoulder surgery, as it's apparently one reason he fell to the 5th round. We could see a wide range of outcomes for him as a rookie, including leading this backfield in fantasy points, as well as barely playing.

24 CARLOS HENDERSON (WR, DEN)

SCHOOL: Louisiana Tech
DRAFTED: 3rd round, 82nd overall

Henderson is a bit of a boom-or-bust type because he only had one season of production playing at a smaller school. He should at least be able to make an immediate impact as a returner for the Broncos, and they've desperately been seeking a legit #3 WR for years to pair with **Demaryius Thomas** and **Emmanuel Sanders**. Henderson actually reminds us a lot of a young DT with playmaking ability with the ball in his hands. He isn't a finished product as a route runner, and he's not going to command targets in this offense as a rookie. Still, the Broncos need to help out their young QBs **Paxton Lynch** and **Trevor Siemian**, and they'll look to get Henderson a few touches a game to get his explosive ability on the field.

25 MITCHELL TRUBISKY (QB, CHI)

SCHOOL: North Carolina
DRAFTED: 1st round, 2nd overall

Perhaps the Bears view the success **Kirk Cousins** has had as a good primer for Trubisky in that he can be surrounded by talent and become more of a distributor. The Bears will still operate through the run game with **Jordan Howard**, and their offensive line is at least decent. The question is the receiving corps—**Cameron Meredith** is promising, but otherwise there's little proven talent here. There are also valid questions about his coaching support. But for just 2017, we think Trubisky has the second-best chance to start a full season among rookies (behind **Deshaun Watson**). The Bears did sign **Mike Glennon** to a big contract this offseason, and for what it's worth, are still calling Glennon their starting QB. But a team doesn't often draft a guy #2 overall and sit him for long. FF

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BURNING QUESTIONS

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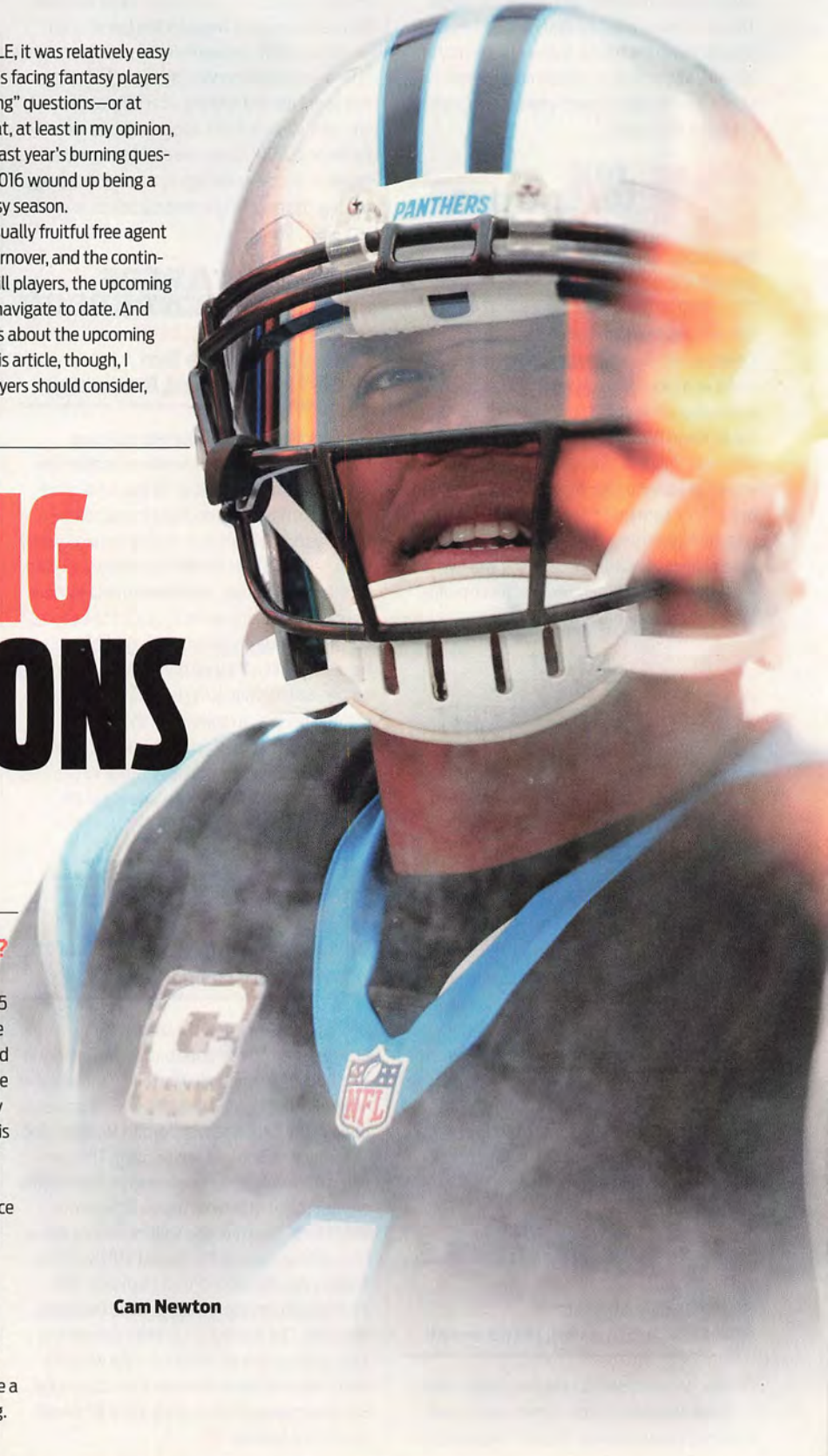
IN THE 2016 VERSION OF THIS ARTICLE, it was relatively easy to narrow down to 10 important issues facing fantasy players that could be characterized as "burning" questions—or at least very hot. I'm happy to report that, at least in my opinion, I went 8 for 10 in terms of answering last year's burning questions correctly. And not surprisingly, 2016 wound up being a comparatively straightforward fantasy season.

But 2017 is a different animal. Thanks to an unusually fruitful free agent and draft class, the typical high level of coaching turnover, and the continuation of NFL offenses featuring more and more skill players, the upcoming season is shaping up to be the thorniest season to navigate to date. And because of this, there are probably 30-40 questions about the upcoming campaign that are quite fiery. For the purpose of this article, though, I focused on the 10 most critical inquiries fantasy players should consider, leading up to the kickoff of the 2017 season.



Cam Newton

CAN TODD GURLEY GET IT DONE?

Playing behind one of the NFL's worst OLs in 2016, Gurley had a disastrous season after his excellent '15 rookie campaign. In 16 games (the only real positive stat of his season), he averaged a pitiful 3.2 YPC and had no games of 100 yards rushing after posting five (in 13 games) as a rookie. Gurley's downfall actually started at the tail end of that rookie season, which is worrisome, especially since his game fell off further last year. In his defense, he was put in a position to fail from the beginning. I'm not expecting dominance this time around, but with a 2nd-or even 3rd-round ADP this summer, I still find Gurley intriguing. He played a 73.8% snap share last year, so he was an overwhelmingly "bell cow," and he proved he was a strong receiver. The OL should be better this year, due largely to the addition of veteran LT **Andrew Whitworth**, and I have to think **Jared Goff** can take a big step forward after last year's miserable showing. And most important, I'm a big believer in new HC

Sean McVay, who told me in the offseason that everything they do on offense this year will be geared toward getting Gurley back on track after what the team calls his "sophomore slump."

IS JORDAN HOWARD WORTH A HIGH PICK?

It's always a tough call when you have a young player with an extremely high ADP but a limited body of work, and that's the case this year with Howard. He had a whopping 40.90% of the team's touches while averaging an impressive .83 FPs per touch (league average for the position was .70). Howard was one of just five RBs with 70+ rushing attempts and 15+ receptions who averaged at least 4.6 YPC and 8.6 YPR. These are all good signs heading into 2017 because the coaching staff led by **John Fox** will use Howard as a foundation of their offense, and he'll be running behind one of the better OLs in the league. Howard will look to become a more well-rounded back in the passing game this offseason, working on his hands and pass protection. The 22-year old will be drafted as a RB1 this summer, and he could settle into an ADP in the top 12 overall. I'd probably pass on him as a top-12 pick. There's a chance that his limited body of work will wind up causing people to overrate him on what could be a bad team, but he should be a solid selection any place after that.

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WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE PATRIOTS?

The New England Patriots will present several fantasy quagmires this year, most notably in their backfield, where they have four capable backs, all of whom can catch the ball and produce in the passing game. Perhaps more confusing is how wideout **Brandin Cooks** fits in, since there are only 79 vacated targets (14% of them) off the roster from last year. Based on early ADPs, it appears as if **Rob Gronkowski** will slip from his usual ADP, perhaps falling out of the top 25 and into the 3rd round for some, which makes him more enticing. But for guys like Cooks and **Julian Edelman**, their ADPs now have some downside baked into them simply because of questions about their opportunity in 2017. Otherwise, it'll be week-to-week in terms of how they use their backs and receivers, so it could be a nightmare for fantasy players. But if you "want in" on the best team in the world, there's a simple solution: Just draft **Tom Brady**, who has a legitimate chance to toss 50 TD passes this year.

WHO'S THE TOP ROOKIE RB?

I love **Christian McCaffrey** as a prospect, and I appreciate how Carolina aggressively used the 8th pick of the draft on this four-down player, but if I had to choose between him and **Leonard Fournette**, I'm going with the big man. New Jaguar team president **Tom Coughlin** and HC **Doug Marrone** had their fingerprints all over the draft, as they spent the #4 overall pick on Fournette, while using their early 2nd-round pick on Alabama G/T **Cam Robinson**. They're going to run the heck out of the ball. Between these two different prospects, Fournette has a bigger guaranteed role and an easier path to fantasy glory. Count on the team to call his number 20 times a game. With McCaffrey, he'll be splitting carries with veteran **Jonathan Stewart**, and the Panthers need to implement a philosophical offensive change to get the most out of the rookie. **Cam Newton** has never had this type of player before, and a less aggressive approach to this passing game will take some adjustments. Panther OC **Mike Shula** is one of the NFL's most creative run-game coordinators, and McCaffrey's versatility is a wonderful fit for that attack. But, for example, their entire backfield combined for just 44 receptions in 2016, and that number for McCaffrey alone would be disappointingly low. We'd feel pretty good about McCaffrey's ability to translate to the slot as well, but the Panthers' 2nd-round pick of Ohio State's **Curtis Samuel** ostensibly fills that role. What we have in McCaffrey is a great prospect in a theoretical good fit, but there remain plenty of questions.

ADRIAN PETERSON OR MARSHAWN LYNCH?

Early indications are that Peterson will be drafted considerably later than Lynch, but for my answer, I'll still go with "neither." Both players are moving on to teams with very good OLs, which is a positive, for sure. But in my experience, if you simply wrote off all RBs age 30 or over with injury issues and 2500+ touches on their resume, you'd come out way ahead. Peterson has been an uncomfortable receiver for a decade now, so with **Mark Ingram** and rookie **Alvin Kamara** on the roster, Peterson is going to be running the ball on probably 90% of his touches. That's fine, but if Ingram is on this roster, I can't see more than 15 carries a game from Peterson, meaning he'll be very up-and-down and TD-dependent—and that's assuming he's able to stay on the field. I feel a little better about Lynch, but while his year off may be a blessing, I have not forgotten his many injury problems the last time be played, in 2015. Lynch will be Oakland's top runner if he's healthy, but he'll also frequently give way to changeups, **Jalen Richard** and **DeAndre Washington**. Any viable fantasy asset can be a value if he slips far enough in a fantasy draft, but based on name recognition alone, I don't see either 30+-year-old veteran being ultimately worth the cost in 2017.

WILL THE FALCON OFFENSE REGRESS THIS YEAR?

Things could not have gone better for the Falcons during the 2016 campaign, one that would have resulted in a championship were it not for arguably the best comeback in NFL history by the Patriots in the Super Bowl. Other than the season-ending injury to CB **Desmond Trufant** in Week 9, the Falcons were unusually healthy last year, and that's not likely to be the case this year. They also lost one of the most effective offensive minds in **Kyle Shanahan**, who is elite when it comes to scheming and designing an offense and calling plays. New OC **Steve Sarkisian** has a fairly promising resume, and he will repeat a lot of what Shanahan did, but it's also his first time coordinating an NFL offense. What *is* encouraging about the 2017 Falcons is their defense, and I'd bet they win more because of that side of the ball in 2017, so the offense may not have to push the

Eli Manning

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pedal to the medal for all four quarters as they frequently did last year. When looking at QB **Matt Ryan's** extensive career, the 2016 season screams "outlier," and I'd expect his efficiency to drop this season. It's also questionable that Sarkisian can maximize both RBs, **Devonta Freeman** and **Tevin Coleman**, the way Shanahan did in his second season in Atlanta in 2016. Believe it or not, the only key offensive Falcon player I see enjoying a considerable increase in production is second-year TE **Austin Hooper**, who'll have a more prominent role this year.

WILL DAK PRESCOTT SUFFER A SOPHOMORE SLUMP?

I do believe in the sophomore slump for QBs, and when I consider how many things went well for Prescott last year—and how surprising his NFL success was based on his college tape—I have to believe he will have more challenges in Year Two than he did in his rookie campaign. One of the main reasons young QBs can go through sophomore slumps is the presence of game film that opposing defensive coordinators didn't have access to the year before, and that's particularly meaningful for Dak because there were many things he did in their pro-style offense that he didn't do in college. That being said, all of the elements that helped him exceed expectations still exist in Big D, like the running of **Ezekiel Elliott** and a solid receiver corps with at least four meaningful contributors, so I don't expect Dak to fall on his face. But most likely, even though he gained valuable experience last year, everything will be harder for him in 2017, and his fantasy output on a per-game basis will likely drop. As for their legendary OL, it has taken a hit this offseason, with the loss of two starters in RT **Doug Free** (retired) and G **Ronald Leary** (signed with Denver), so it's fair to expect the group to take a step back.

WILL THE REDSKINS OFFENSE BE BETTER OR WORSE THAN LAST YEAR?

The Redskins lost OC **Sean McVay** and top wideouts, **Pierre Garçon** and **DeSean Jackson**, but their receiving corps actually got better on paper, assuming **Josh Doctson** is healthy and on the field. If they have Doctson at his best, their wide receiver corps, with **Terrelle Pryor** added to the mix, gains a lot of size and may, despite the loss of Jackson, be more vertically explosive. HC **Jay Gruden** remains, which is good for **Kirk Cousins**. I had a quick exchange with the latter this offseason about his continuity with Gruden in the Redskin offense, and the QB agreed that it's very strong and is a major positive. If Cousins plays well again in 2017, he'll likely be an unrestricted free agent, so he'll probably have his eye on the prize all year (with the prize likely being a spot in **Kyle Shanahan's** 49er offense in 2018). The Redskins also added RB **Samaje Perine**, who we think is a better early-down back than **Rob Kelley**. They'll have to handle a high level of change, but I think the Redskin offense will continue to improve in 2017, which means they'll be better than last year.

AFTER THE TOP-TWO, WHO ARE THE ROOKIE RBS TO TARGET?

In a deep RB class, it'll be important to understand expected or possible roles for this year's rookies and then react accordingly. That's exactly what I'm doing here when I mention how big-name backs like **Joe Mixon** (Cin), **Dalvin Cook** (Min), and **Alvin Kamara** (NO) have a lot of competition for snaps and touches. Mixon is arguably the most complete back in the class, Cook fits in well with the evolving Viking offense, and Kamara is the perfect rotational runner and receiver for the Saint offense. But considering their name-recognition and opposition on their rosters, I'd bet on this trio being overdrafted and overvalued. That said, the two rookie RBs that intrigue me most are **Kareem Hunt** (KC) and **Samaje Perine** (Was). Hunt's measurables are unimpressive, but his college tape is stellar, so he should have a great chance to collect 200+ touches in their backfield along with the pedestrian **Spencer Ware**. As for Perine, he's simply more talented than incumbent **Rob Kelley**. Kelley did a solid job in 2016, but Perine is a better and more productive athlete, and the rookie has more lateral juice than many think.

IS ELI MANNING DONE?

If you studied Manning in 2016, you would know this is not an outrageous question. Eli looked mighty shaky and inconsistent behind a poor offensive line last year. The OL added some depth in the offseason, but not much else, so the hope is that their young players continue to evolve and improve. Manning may not get much support from his running game, but anything other than what we saw from the Giant backs last season should be an improvement. I cannot confidently refute the notion that Manning's on his way out, but I will say this: Eli is well worth a shot in fantasy drafts this summer. Despite the Giants adding **Brandon Marshall** and a potential stud TE in **Evan Engram**, Eli remained extremely cheap in post-NFL draft fantasy drafts that I observed. You'll hear a lot this summer about how Manning is out of excuses, and you'll hear that because his receiving corps is absolutely loaded. Marshall and Engram teaming with incumbents **Odell Beckham** and **Sterling Shepard** makes for an impressive group. It's possible that some of Eli's issues last year were caused by having to force the ball to Beckham, and that shouldn't be a problem in 2017. FF

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THE HEAD COACH

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BUFFALO BILLS

HEAD COACH: SEAN MCDERMOTT

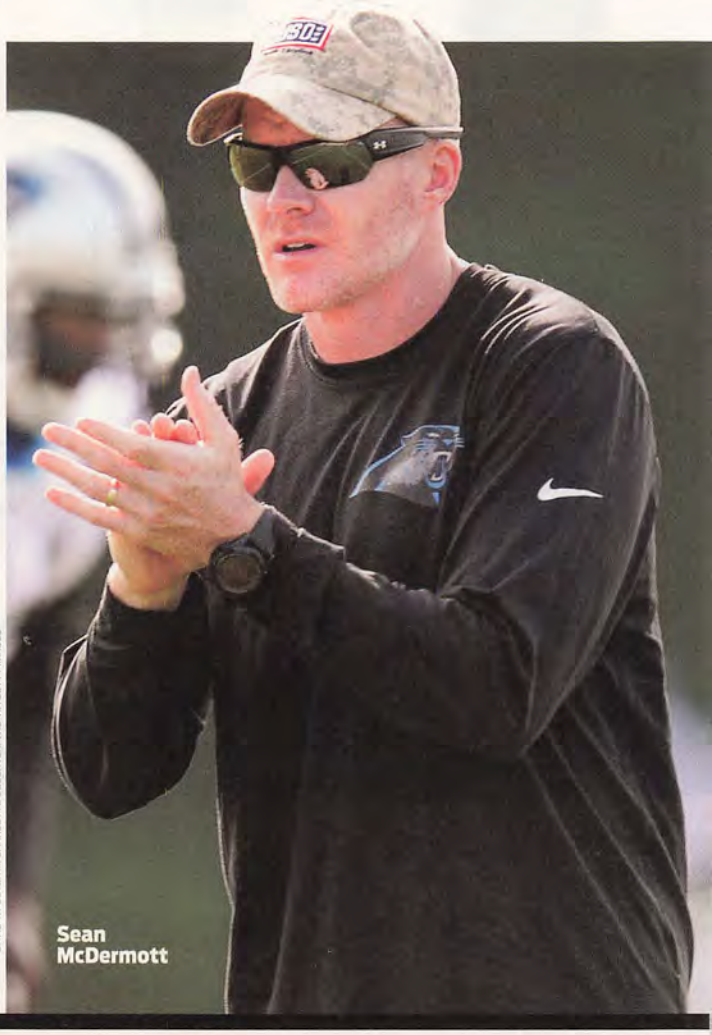
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: RICK DENNISON

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: LESLIE FRAZIER

ABOUT MCDERMOTT: The Bills brought in another defensive coach to lead the franchise, but he's the complete opposite of his predecessor **Rex Ryan**. The Bills subbed out Ryan's brash, boisterous ways for McDermott's understated, no-nonsense approach. McDermott paid his dues under **Andy Reid** and **Jim Johnson** in Philadelphia and under **Ron Rivera** in Carolina most recently, so it's not surprising that he'll bring a more restrained approach to Buffalo. McDermott will be just 43 years old in March, but he's already logged 18 years in the league between the Eagles and Panthers, including the last eight years as a defensive coordinator in Philly (2009-10) and Carolina (2011-16). He had a run of four straight years with a top-10 defense in total yards in 2012-15. McDermott is fully expected to switch the Bills from a 3-4 scheme with man coverage to an aggressive 4-3 next season that uses zone coverage on the back end. Many Bills were unhappy with Ryan's complex defense the last two years, so McDermott's far less complicated approach will be a refreshing change. In simple terms, McDermott wants his front four to generate pressure, his LBs to fly to the ball, and his secondary to play with good spacing.

ABOUT DENNISON: McDermott's experience is on the defensive side, so Dennison will have total control of this offense. Dennison has almost always been in the shadows of **Gary Kubiak** and **Mike Shanahan** since he broke into the league in 1995. He's worked under either Shanahan and/or Kubiak in all but one of his 22 seasons as a coach. Dennison has had three other stints as an OC, but it's unclear just how much play calling he's actually done in his nine seasons as an OC working under two great offensive minds in Kubiak and Shanahan. It seems highly likely that he'll bring the run-first, play-action principles that have been staples of Kubiak's offenses the last decade. Most of his time has also been spent working in zone-blocking schemes, which will be an interesting dynamic. The Bills, led by **LeSean McCoy**, easily led the league in rushing last season with 2630 yards, and they did it with a power-running scheme that's been very successful the last two years.

ABOUT FRAZIER: Frazier will get his fourth crack as a DC since breaking in as a DB coach in 1999 with Philadelphia, where he worked with **Sean McDermott** through 2002. He also went 21-32-1 as the HC in Minnesota from 2010-13, reaching the playoffs once. McDermott is a first-time HC and a relatively young one at that, so he went with two experienced lieutenants as OC and DC. Assuming McDermott does switch from a 3-4 to a 4-3 as planned, Frazier should be a perfect fit. He has plenty of experience running the 4-3, most recently under **Lovie Smith** in Tampa. McDermott will likely call most of the shots next season, but Frazier certainly has enough experience as a DC to take over play-calling responsibilities once the two feel comfortable with each other.



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Sean McDermott

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NEW STAFF... NEW STRATEGIES. HOW WILL THIS YEAR'S COACHING CHANGES AFFECT YOUR FANTASY ROSTER?

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DENVER BRONCOS

HEAD COACH: VANCE JOSEPH

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MIKE MCCOY

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JOE WOODS

ABOUT JOSEPH: It's been a meteoric rise for Joseph, who has exactly one year of coordinator-level experience under his belt—as the DC for the Dolphins under **Adam Gase** in 2016. Prior to that, he had spent 11 years in the NFL between three teams. His hiring did raise some eyebrows—in 2016, he coached a Dolphins defense that ranked 29th in the NFL in yards allowed and 18th in points allowed. The run defense struggled, as it was 30th in yards allowed. The Broncos appear to be taking the **Pete Carroll** approach with their coaching structure. Joseph is well regarded in league circles for his people skills, and it's entirely possible that he's viewed more in **John Elway**'s eyes as a "CEO" rather than a coach who is heavily involved in both the offensive and defensive gameplans on a weekly basis. It's hard for us to make a call on Joseph since his track record as a coach is so brief, but he hit a home run with his OC hire, **Mike McCoy**.

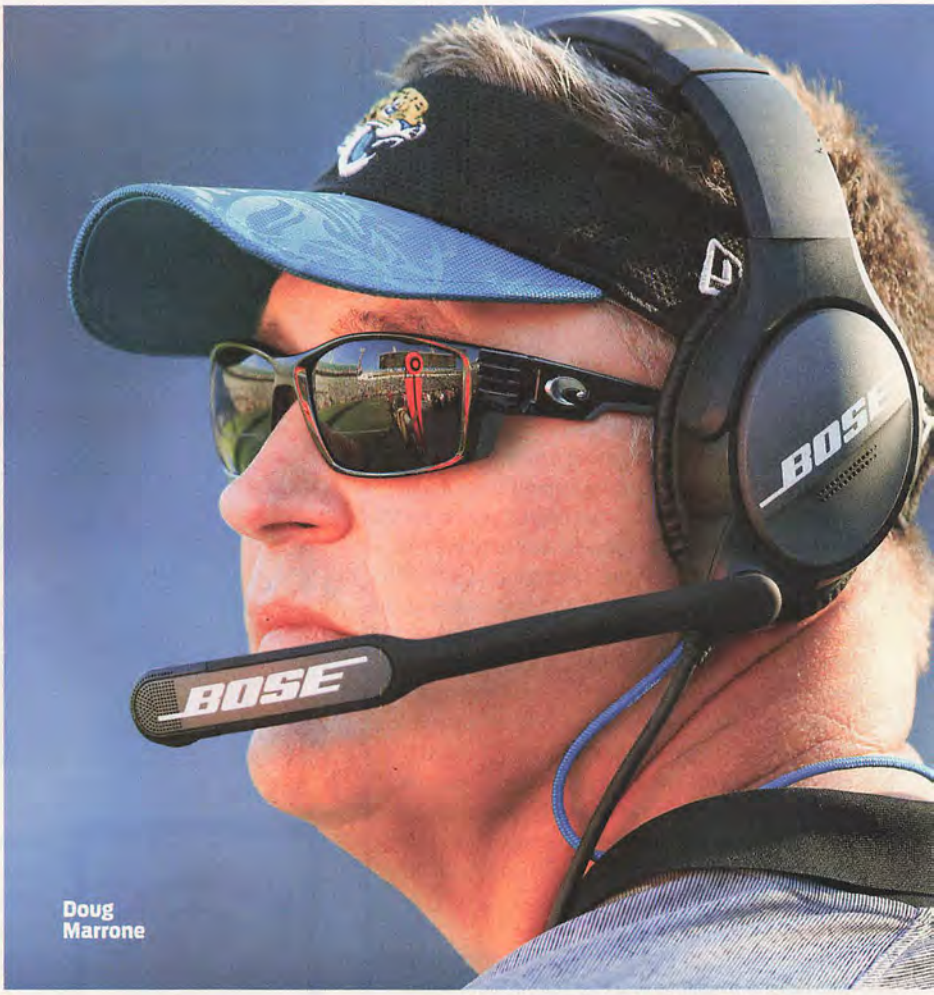
ABOUT MCCOY: McCoy is a respected offensive mind who has shown adaptability. Heading into 2017, he has been an offensive coordinator or head coach for eight seasons in the NFL, starting with a four-year stretch as the Broncos' OC from 2009-12. McCoy coached the #1 offense in the NFL in 2012, **Peyton Manning's** first year with the Broncos, then followed up with a #9 overall season with **Philip Rivers** in San Diego. It would be wise for new Broncos head coach **Vance Joseph** to allow McCoy free reign over Denver's offense. Joseph wants an "attacking" offense with big-play potential, which is refreshing to see from a defensive-minded head coach. McCoy's work with a variety of QBs should ensure that he puts both **Trevor Siemian** and **Paxton Lynch** in the best position to succeed.

McCoy was a strong hire by Joseph, in that he's an inexperienced head coach bringing in perhaps the most qualified offensive coordinator on the market. He's also experienced enough to take advantage of **Jamaal Charles**, assuming Charles is healthy.

ABOUT WOODS: Though **Wade Phillips'** contract expired in 2016, Phillips' most valued assistant will take over as coordinator. Woods has a relationship with new head coach **Vance Joseph**, though they've never actually coached together, and in fact Joseph recommended Woods to Kubiak when Kubiak took over with the Broncos. A long-time NFL DBs coach, Woods has spent the last 13 years coaching secondaries with the Buccaneers, Vikings, Raiders, and Broncos. Given that the Broncos have the NFL's best secondary, promoting Woods seems like a no-brainer. Denver will see a lot of change this year, but we doubt Woods' defenses will look a whole lot different than Phillips'. That's smart, considering **Mike McCoy** is going to have to decide which offense works best with their personnel.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

ABOUT MARRONE: Many people around the league thought that Marrone would never get another chance to be a head coach after quitting on the Bills at the end of the 2014 season. Most of those same people would also agree that Marrone did a good job in a tough situation in Buffalo, with the franchise undergoing a tumultuous ownership change. Once **Gus Bradley** was fired after Week 15 last season, Marrone guided the Jaguars to two of their best performances in Weeks 16-17. Owner **Shad Khan** extended GM **Dave Caldwell**, who has managed to put together a talented, yet underachieving roster, and brought in **Tom Coughlin** as the executive VP of football operations, who will have the final say over the roster. The Jaguars seem to believe that Bradley was the biggest issue with this current team. They are expecting much better results from Marrone quickly, and his biggest task will be harnessing Bortles and turning him into a more efficient player, but that job got easier in the draft after they selected a true foundation player in RB **Leonard Fournette**. Marrone has spent most of his time working with O-lines during his career, and he'll look to develop a running game to help protect Bortles from himself after his drastic regression in 2016.



Doug Marrone

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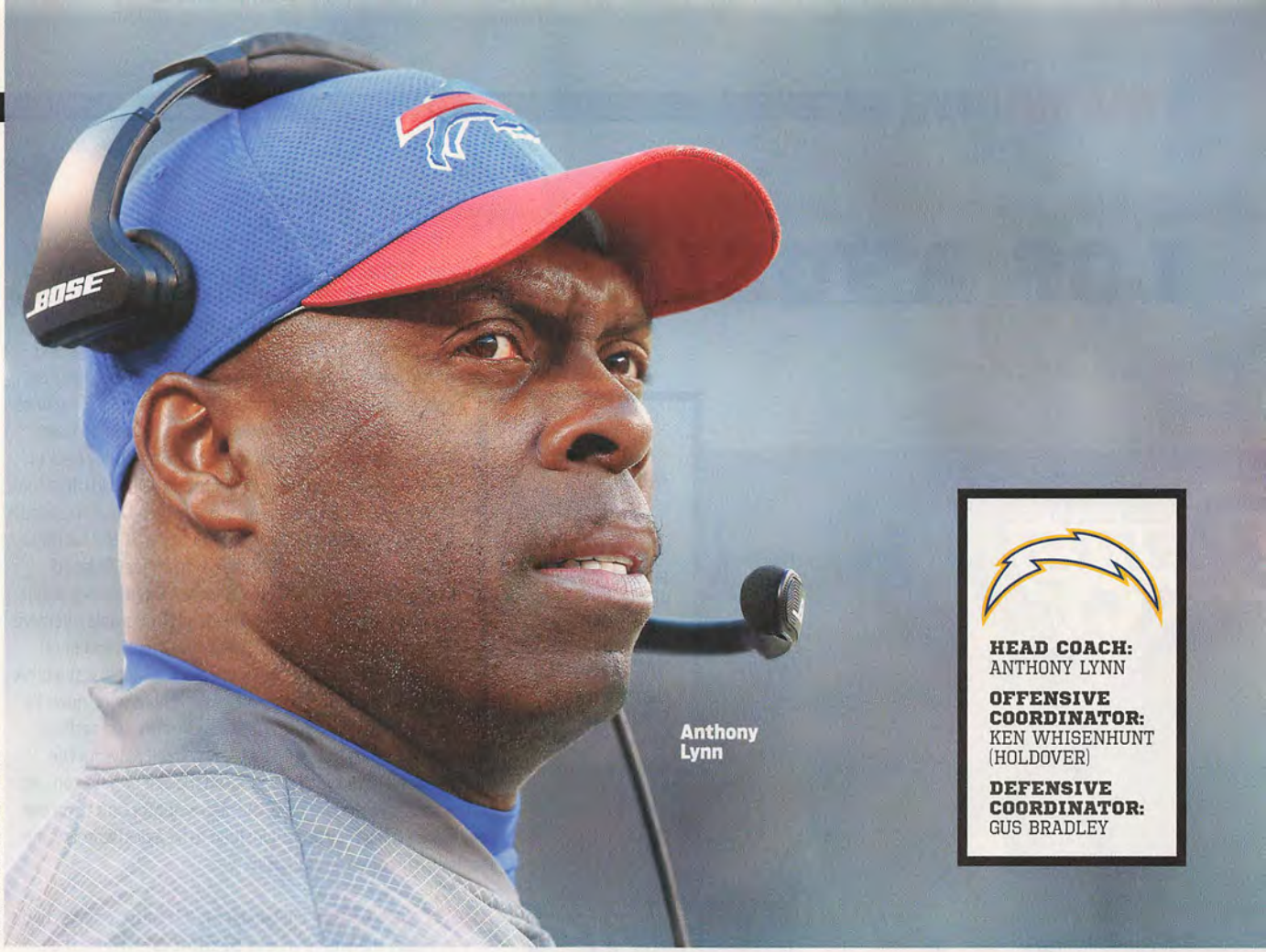
HEAD COACH:
DOUG MARRONE

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR:
NATHANIEL HACKETT

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR:
TODD WASH (HOLDOVER)

ABOUT HACKETT: QB **Blake Bortles** wanted his QB coach Hackett to stick around, but Hackett has been unable to fix Bortles' terrible mechanics the last two years, and the young QB got noticeably worse in 2016. The offense didn't improve after Hackett took over the offense from **Greg Olson** for the final nine games of 2016. The Jaguars averaged 19.9 points and 330.6 yards under Olson in the first seven games, with Bortles throwing nine interceptions. In the final nine games under Hackett, the Jaguars averaged 19.9 points and 338.3 yards, with Bortles throwing seven interceptions. Despite being just 37 years old, Hackett does have prior experience as a play-caller. He worked under Marrone as the OC in Buffalo from 2013-14, and he also worked under him as an OC while at Syracuse in 2011-12. Olson had a propensity for throwing too much, especially downfield in his one and a half seasons as the OC. Hackett will look to establish an improved running game with #1 pick Fournette to take the pressure off of the shaky Bortles.



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DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: GUS BRADLEY

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

ABOUT LYNN: Lynn saw his stock in the coaching community quickly rise. While with the Bills in 2016, he went from being an assistant HC/RB coach to OC in Week 3 to interim HC in Week 17. Lynn is a former NFL RB and has worked with five teams as an RB coach, so it's not surprising that he's a running-game specialist. He comes from **Rex Ryan**'s "ground-and-pound" background. He also played and worked under **Mike Shanahan** and was an assistant to **Bill Parcells**. The Bills, led by **LeSean McCoy**, easily led the league in rushing last season with 2630 yards, and they did it with a power-running scheme that's been very successful the last two years. **Melvin Gordon** is coming off a breakout second season and stands to benefit the most from Lynn's hiring. Lynn did retain **Ken Whisenhunt** as the team's play-caller, who has a strong track record as an OC but a less than sterling HC resume. If this arranged marriage gets off to a bumpy start next season, it wouldn't be surprising to see Lynn take over play-calling duties. That's unlikely, though, since the Charger OL and receiving corps got better in the draft, thanks to their 2nd-round selection of G **Forrest Lamp** and their 1st-round pick of WR **Mike Williams**.

ABOUT BRADLEY: Based on record alone, Bradley is the worst head coach in the modern NFL. Despite his awful last four seasons with the Jaguars, he was still a sought-after defensive coach available this offseason. The Jaguars were bad on both sides of the ball during his four years, but the defense was making some strides toward being a strong group when they fired him last December. Bradley's claim to fame came during his four-year stretch as the Seahawks DC in 2009-12. He took a unit that ranked 30th in the league in 2008 and led them to top-10 finishes in yards allowed three times. Bradley could have some early success working with the defensive rookie of the year **Joey Bosa** and standout young CBs **Casey Hayward** and **Jason Verrett.** He traditionally runs a 4-3 base, which will be a bit of a change from **John Pagano**'s 3-4 scheme, but both coaches were quite multiple with their looks the last few years.

LOS ANGELES RAMS

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HEAD COACH: SEAN MCVAY

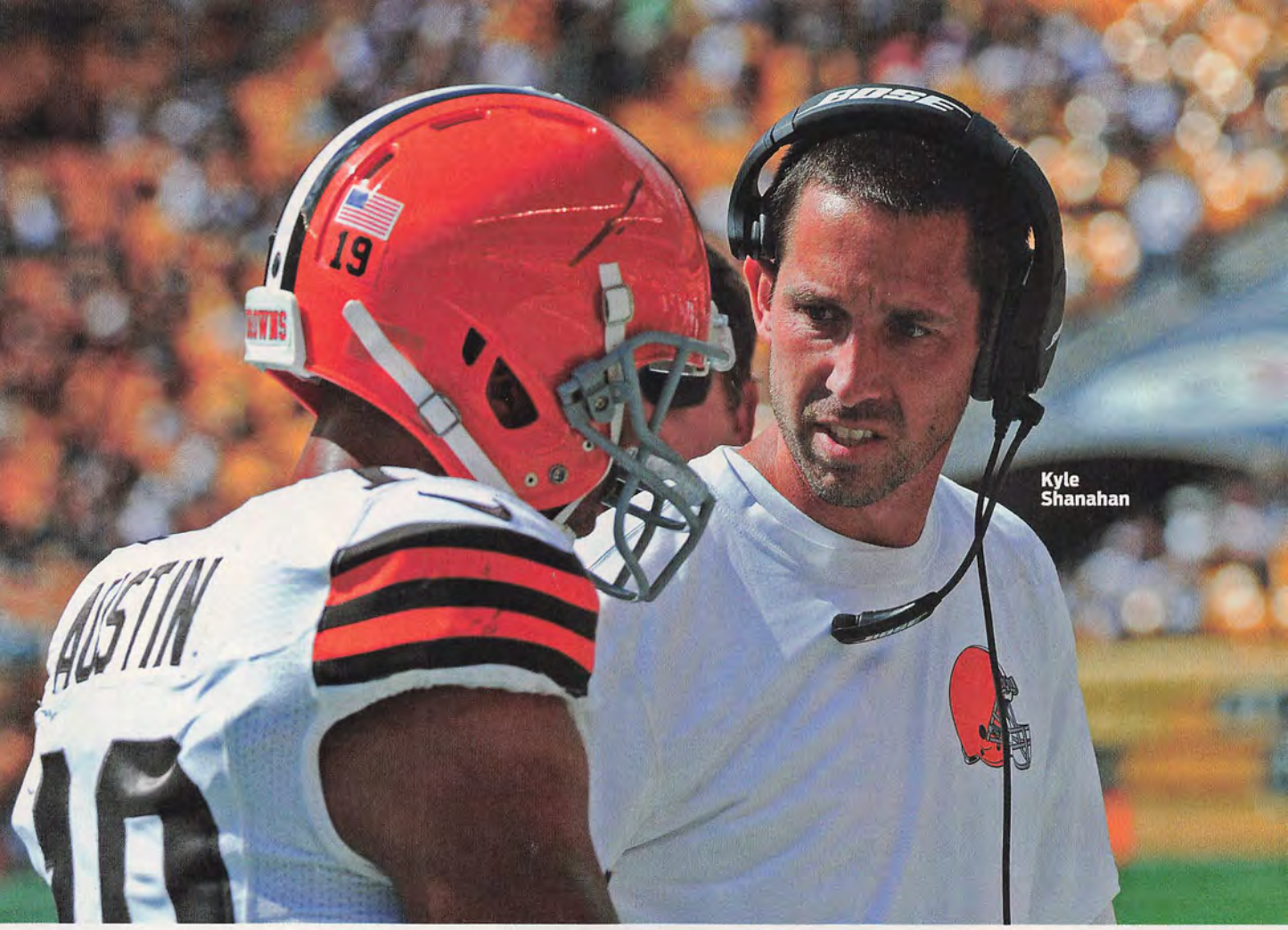
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MATT LAFLEUR

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: WADE PHILLIPS

ABOUT MCVAY: McVay is the youngest NFL head coach in modern history, but he's already spent eight years as an NFL coach at the age of 31, including the last three years as Washington's OC. McVay helped turn **Kirk Cousins** into one of the NFL's most efficient QBs, and the Redskins were 3rd in yardage and 12th in points in 2016. McVay's offenses with Washington were very pass-heavy, and they lacked effective run games. He certainly hasn't coached a back as talented as **Todd Gurley** thus far. McVay will attempt to get Gurley back on track, because everything the Rams do will build off of that. McVay showed an affinity for some power-gap run concepts with Washington, which will suit Gurley well. But his most important task will be to make second-year QB **Jared Goff** comfortable. Goff looked horrendous as a rookie, but playing in a restricted offense behind a miserable offensive line did not help. At its roots, McVay's offense is built on deception and motion, making defenders think just a blink too long, and leaving receivers open. This is good news for certain skill players like WR **Tavon Austin**, and perhaps rookie TE **Gerald Everett**. McVay will call plays for the Rams, as he did with Washington the last two seasons. As McVay told us at the combine, the plan is not for Goff to be the key to everything they do, but instead to be a distributor of the football in his offense, as Cousins was.

ABOUT LAFLEUR: LaFleur is only 37, but that makes him six years older than his new boss, **Sean McVay**. The two have already worked together, as LaFleur was Washington's QB coach from 2010-13, when McVay was the TE coach. Over the last two seasons, LaFleur served under **Kyle Shanahan** as the Falcons' QB coach. That perhaps gives a hint as to what McVay is looking to do. Like Shanahan, McVay has shown an affinity for formational versatility, misdirection, and motion. LaFleur will absolutely have insight into how to build an explosive passing game off of an explosive run game. **Todd Gurley** is coming off a disappointing season, but he's easily the most appealing offensive piece inherited in Los Angeles. The Rams are absolutely making the correct move in building a staff with experience working with QBs. **Jared Goff** is coming off a horrendous rookie season, but if he's going to rebuild his career, this is a great situation for him, in terms of a support system.

ABOUT PHILLIPS: Phillips has built a reputation as one of the greatest defensive minds in the history of the league. In his last 11 years as either a HC or DC, Phillips has coached ten top-10 defensive units in total yardage. He won't have to do too much to improve the Rams. Despite plenty of talent, they ranked 23rd in scoring. The big question is if Phillips will be able to adjust his typical 3-4 to the Rams' personnel. We don't think Phillips will have an issue; while he does prefer a 3-4, the Rams' attacking defensive line of players like **Robert Quinn** and **Aaron Donald** are primarily one-gap players, and Phillips adjusts the base two-gap 3-4 to attack with one-gap philosophies. The key may be convincing Quinn to stand up, and given Phillips' success, we doubt Quinn will have an issue doing so.



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SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

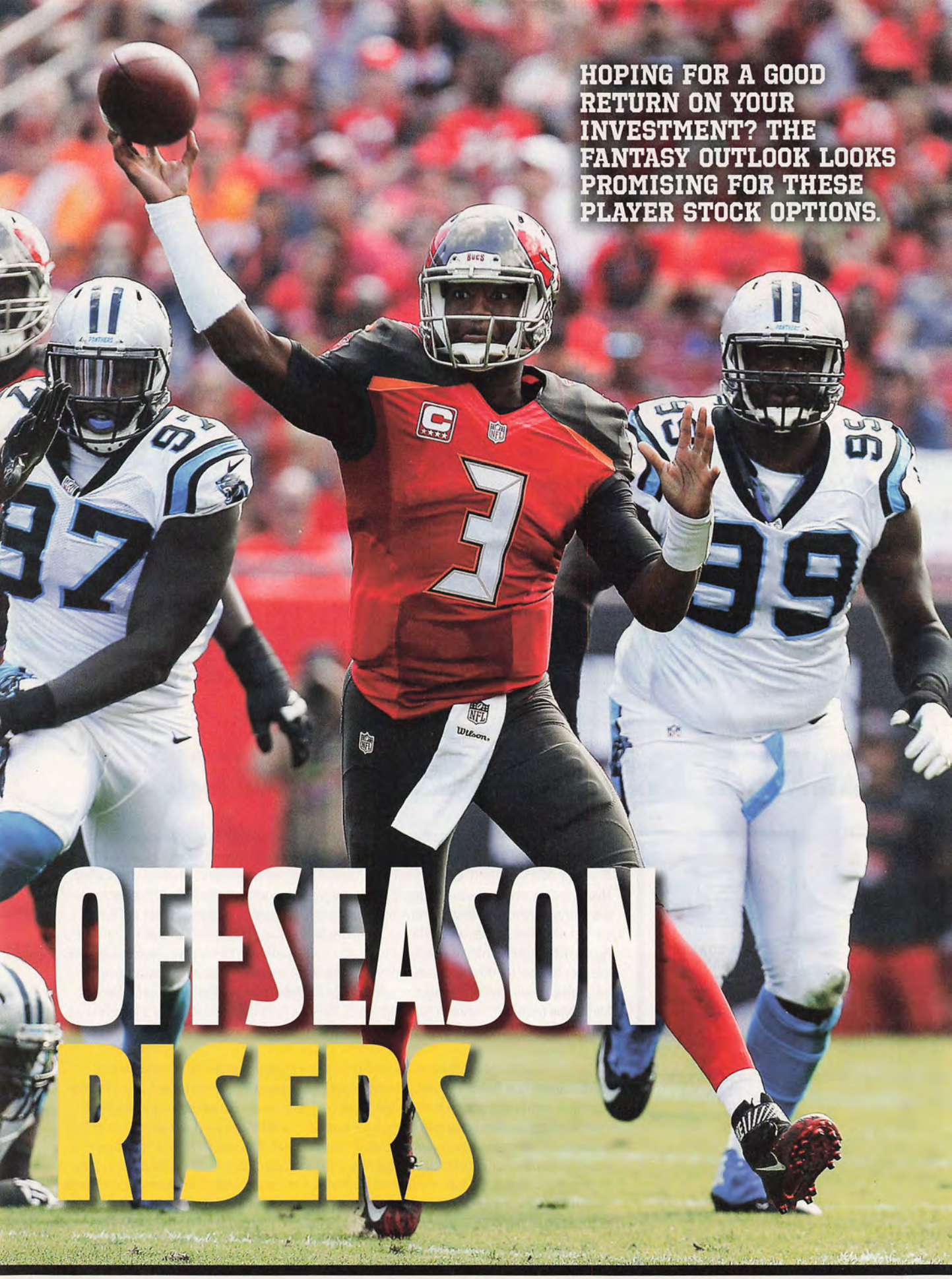
HEAD COACH:
KYLE SHANAHAN

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR:
NONE (SHANAHAN WILL SERVE AS HIS OWN OC)

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR:
ROBERT SALEH

ABOUT SHANAHAN: Shanahan is a master of making run plays look like pass plays and vice versa, and he used it to its utmost effectiveness this past season in Atlanta, when he coached the #1 scoring offense in the NFL. Shanahan's run foundation is the outside zone, which will suit **Carlos Hyde** (and possibly rookie **Joe Williams**) well. He's worked under his father **Mike Shanahan** and **Gary Kubiak**, two of the best offensive minds of the last 30 years. Shanahan has been an OC for the last nine years. He has coached a top-10 offense six times, and only once (Cleveland in 2014... go figure) did he coach an offense outside the top 20 in total yardage. In the last five seasons, Shanahan has coached four top-10 offenses. In addition to his brilliant scheming, Shanahan is also incredibly adaptable. He was part of the magical rookie season for **Robert Griffin III** in 2012, and he coached **Matt Ryan** to an MVP season in 2016. Still just 37, there's a fantastic future ahead of Shanahan if he can translate his success to a head job.

ABOUT SALEH: Shanahan is going with a little bit of familiarity at the DC position. Having coached under **Dan Quinn** in Atlanta, it appears that Shanahan will continue to see Quinn's Seattle/Atlanta system on the other side of the ball. Saleh is a young coach (38) who spent the last three years serving under **Gus Bradley** in Jacksonville as an LB coach. He also coached one year under Quinn, serving as the defensive quality control coach when Quinn was DC in Seattle in 2013. Shanahan also knows Saleh personally from their time together in Houston from 2006-10. It's fair to assume, given Saleh's recent experience, that he prefers the four-man rush concepts and Cover-3 base of the Seattle system. The 49ers' roster was devoid of talent before the draft, but they added two potential studs in the first two rounds in DE **Solomon Thomas** and LB **Reuben Foster**. FF



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OFFSEASON RISERS

IT'S BEEN A BUSY YEAR IN FREE AGENCY, AS WE SAW A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF BIG-NAME FREE AGENTS MOVE ON TO NEW TEAMS. COUPLE THIS WITH AN UNUSUALLY DEEP DRAFT FOR SKILL PLAYERS, AND THE RESULT IS A NUMBER OF SHIFTS IN PLAYER VALUE THIS OFFSEASON. THERE WERE SOME LOSERS, BUT AS WE OFTEN DO IN FANTASY FOOTBALL, WE'LL JUST FOCUS ON THE WINNERS. HERE'S MY LOOK AT THIS OFFSEASON'S TOP RISERS.

TOM BRADY (QB, NE)

The NFL is all about matchups, and thanks to some key additions this offseason, Brady's Pats have never had more multiplicity with their skill players. It's tough to project numbers for **Brandin Cooks** in New England, but for Brady, there's only upside to having such a dynamic weapon at his disposal. The team lost some diversity with **Martellus Bennett**'s departure, but they should make up for that with Cooks, whose straight-line speed and short-area quickness could seriously challenge defenses vertically and horizontally. They've also added TE **Dwayne Allen**, who's not as versatile as Bennett, but he can do a lot of things Bennett did. Cooks can be a devastating weapon for innovative OC **Josh McDaniels** from anywhere on the field, and with a backfield that includes four players who can catch the ball, and at least two of them (**Dion Lewis** and **James White**) who can line up at WR, it's a sickening collection of matchup pieces for arguably the most cerebral QB in the history of the game.

JAMEIS WINSTON (QB, TB)

The Buccaneers are putting what looks to be a playoff-caliber roster together, and they're surrounding their young QB with multiple weapons. Winston's development may have been stifled last year due to the lack of a vertical threat opposite **Mike Evans**, as defenses were able to roll safeties to Evans' side, and the passing game was predictable because of limitations opposite their stud #1. Signing a vertical threat in **DeSean Jackson** in the offseason solved that issue, but they didn't stop there. Tampa added Alabama TE **O.J. Howard** in the 1st round of the NFL Draft, providing Winston with one of the best 1-2 punches at the position in the league (along with **Cameron Brate**). Winston now has speed on the perimeter in this vertical passing game and size inside the hash marks, where he likes to throw the football. Winston will always throw INTs because he takes risks, but he's well positioned for fantasy success in 2017.

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Philip Rivers (QB, LAC) – The Chargers surprised the huge crowd in Philly by selecting Clemson WR **Mike Williams** at #7 overall, giving Rivers an added perimeter weapon and eschewing the defensive side of the ball. Consider that Rivers' top two WRs, **Keenan Allen** and **Tyrell Williams**, have injury concerns—and one of his two TEs, **Antonio Gates** is at the end of his career—and the surprising pick made sense. The Chargers didn't see anyone worth taking at #7 overall to address their OL issue, but did take Western Kentucky lineman **Forrest Lamp** in the 2nd round after he (somewhat) surprisingly fell out of the 1st round. The Chargers are putting their Hall-of-Fame QB in a better position to succeed, and his fantasy stock is rising because of it.

ELI MANNING (QB, NYG)

Last year, the Giants ran with three wide receivers on the field on 95% of their offensive plays, which led the league. But perhaps one reason Eli had a poor season was because they got very little on the outside from **Victor Cruz**, and they were breaking in a rookie in **Sterling Shepard** in the slot. But there's no doubt the Giants have put Eli in a good situation this offseason, adding **Brandon Marshall** in free agency and drafting TE **Evan Engram** in the 1st round of the NFL Draft. While we still have questions about Engram's possible fit (he was essentially a big slot receiver at Ole Miss), there's no doubt he's a gifted player in the mold of **Jordan Reed**. While the Giants still need to upgrade their OL, there are certainly no more excuses for Eli, who has one of the most loaded receiving corps in the NFL. His ADP will be fascinating to watch, but early indications are that he will still be very affordable, which offsets any possible downside caused by declining skills.

KIRK COUSINS (QB, WAS)

New wideout **Terrelle Pryor** is not a special mover and downfield playmaker like **DeSean Jackson**, but he can get vertical and should be less hit-or-miss and more effective in the red zone. The 2016 #1 pick **Josh Doctson**, who suffered through a lost rookie season last year, is not the same player as Jackson, but he can definitely stretch defenses vertically and make big plays, plus he should be a better red-zone option than Jackson given his size. And considering the addition of talented free agent **Brian Quick**, the Redskins now have incredible size and talent at receiver. With **Jamison Crowder** playing in the slot, **Jordan Reed** at TE, Doctson/Quick split out wide, and Pryor and veteran **Vernon Davis** likely lining up in a variety of places, the potential is excellent for Cousins. Cousins' running game was also upgraded with the drafting of RB **Samaje Perine**, who is more talented than **Rob Kelley**. Cousins has proven to be an excellent distributor if he has weapons, and despite losing Jackson and **Pierre Garçon,** he still has plenty of them. In fact, his receiving corps looks *better* on paper this year.

MARCUS MARIOTA (QB, TEN)

Having acquired the 5th overall pick from the Rams, the Titans selected WR **Corey Davis** in an effort to boost Mariota's supporting cast. A versatile player who can play X, Y, or Z, Davis is instantly Mariota's most gifted passing option in a receiving corps that had a surplus of possession options but not a whole lot else in 2016. On Day 2, the Titans supplemented Mariota's weaponry even more with Western Kentucky WR **Taywan Taylor** and Florida International TE **Jonnu Smith**. Mariota is recovering from a serious injury himself, but there's no indication his broken leg will sideline him into training camp. Mariota is once again looking like a phenomenal fantasy option, although his ADP should be on the rise.

CARSON WENTZ (QB, PHI)

Wentz never made it to fantasy respectability as a rookie in 2016, yet he showed he can play in the NFL, despite working with a poor receiver corps. The Eagles didn't waste much time this offseason by adding the top free agent WR in **Alshon Jeffery** and a legit deep threat in **Torrey Smith**. Teamed with a productive slot guy, **Jordan**

Matthews, and a solid TE, **Zach Ertz**, they're suddenly a strong and well-rounded receiving corps for Wentz. He'll likely need at least another full season before he's ready to elevate himself for fantasy, but Wentz is now in the backup conversation for those looking for a potential breakout player with some upside.

ANDY DALTON (QB, CIN)

It's easy to make sense of the Bengals' selection of speedy WR **John Ross** at #9 overall in the NFL Draft, as they clearly lacked a deep-ball threat opposite the all-world **A.J. Green**. The question is if Dalton is the QB to truly take advantage of that. Moreover, Dalton is still playing behind an offensive line that was absolutely decimated in free agency. However, Ross is a phenomenal talent (as is controversial 2nd-round pick **Joe Mixon**), and if Dalton's receiving corps enjoys good health this year, they'll be loaded. The OL is a concern, but we'd still proclaim Dalton's fantasy value as being on the rise.

MELVIN GORDON (RB, LAC)

There was some talk of the team being interested in drafting a **Danny Woodhead**-type, but it didn't use any of its seven draft picks on a RB. They do have **Branden Oliver** on the roster, and he can pick up some of the receiving work, potentially, but a healthy Gordon should be set with high-volume touches again in 2017. A big key to his surprising fantasy output last year was Woodhead's departure from the lineup, and the improved Gordon now has a chance to own a similar role this year. Additionally, the team spent two early picks on top guards in the draft. That should solidify Gordon as a locked-in top-12 pick.

AMEER ABDULLAH

(RB, DET)

Lion GM **Bob Quinn** said earlier this year that one of his top priorities this season was to get their running game going. But as it turns out, that had nothing to do with their personnel at the RB position. The Lions upgraded themselves up front in free agency with the additions of RT, **Rick Wagner,** and G, **T.J. Lang**, and they also added one of the best blocking TEs in the business in **Darren Fells**. But not only did the Lions fail to sign a back in free agency, they also passed on the position in the draft. That has to be an indication that they're comfortable with Abdullah. He's been frustrating, due largely to injuries, but he's a very skilled runner and a versatile weapon who can be a strong, solid asset. His upside will be capped due to the presence of **Theo Riddick**, but Abdullah will be an affordable fantasy pick based on his talent and solid role.

ISAIAH CROWELL & DUKE JOHNSON (RBS, CLE)

The Browns have made a lot of moves this off-season, and it remains to be seen if those moves will go down as positives in the long-term. But one immediate area they addressed that will garner no complaints from fantasy fans is the additions they made to their OL. Teams looking for OL help can usually and reliably find it in free agency, and that's what the Browns did by adding stud **Kevin Zeitler** and versatile interior guy **JC Tretter**. The latter has had injury problems, but he did a nice job last year for the Packers when he played, and Zeitler is one of the top guards in the league. Additionally, they extended the contract for G **Joel Bitonio**, who was a revelation for them last year. Now Cleveland's OL should be one of the 10 best in the league, and we're sure HC **Hugh Jackson** will lean heavily on these backs, regardless of who starts at QB.

MIKE GILLISLEE (RB, NE)

Gillislee last year got the chance to be the primary backup to **LeSean McCoy** and took full advantage of his opportunity. Gillislee averaged an impressive 1.14 fantasy points per touch—the league average for the position was .70. Gillislee was also top 8 in the NFL in his elusive rating, yardage after contact, and his number of 15+ yard runs. He also led all runners who had 100+ carries with his impressive 5.7 yards per carry average, so there's a lot to like by the numbers. OC **Anthony Lynn** preferred Gillislee down near the goal line by the middle of the season, and the Patriots consistently give their RBs a considerable number of touches inside the 10. Gillislee will have to earn snaps and touches every week, but there's no question his value is on the rise with a larger role forthcoming.

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DEANDRE HOPKINS

(WR, HOU)

The Texans front office went all-in at QB for the second straight offseason. Hopefully this time it works out much better for Hopkins and company. The Texans scored the most complete rookie QB in the draft in **Deshaun Watson**, who will likely be the starter sooner rather than later. Watson doesn't have the biggest arm, and his accuracy can be sporadic at times, but he's a huge upgrade compared to the slop that Hopkins had to make due with in **Brock Osweiler** last season. Watson also wasn't shy about feeding the ball to **Mike Williams** in college, and he'll do the same with Hopkins in 2017. Watson is the most pro-ready QB this season, and he should give Hopkins a great chance at a bounce-back campaign.

BRANDON MARSHALL

(WR, NYG)

Marshall is a perfect fit in the Giant offense due to their high number of quick slants and in-breaking routes, plays that he can maximize, given his size and physicality. Marshall's been a beast in the end zone lately, with 11.25 TDs per season from 2012-2015 (excluding last year's horror show), and Big Blue can use some help there (only 3 TDs by their TEs last year). He'll likely enjoy improved and consistent QB play with **Eli Manning**, but I'm most encouraged by his position as the #2 WR opposite **Odell Beckham**. Marshall should now regularly get better matchups, whether against lesser CBs or avoiding double-teams, so he'll be in a fantastic spot. There are some legit concerns that stem from his targets going down from, for example, where he was in 2015, but Marshall can be much more efficient in this offense, particularly when it comes to scoring TDs.

MICHAEL THOMAS/ WILLIE SNEAD/TED GINN (WRS, NO)

With **Brandin Cooks** shipped out of town, things are looking particularly good for Thomas, who led the Saints' wide receiver corps last year in the following categories: targets, receptions, yards per game, touchdowns, and red-zone targets. And now Cooks is gone. Over the last three seasons, no Saint receiver saw more than a 19% target share, so Thomas (18% last year) and Snead's (17%) targets may only be going up 1-2 a game. But that's still an increase for both,

as Ginn won't likely see the number of targets Cooks did. Thomas will operate as the top outside receiver with Snead likely sticking to his slot role. Snead ran over 70% of his routes from the slot, but he did catch four or more passes in 10-of-15 games and his 1.89 yards gained per route run was 4th-best among qualified slot receivers, per PFF. As for Ginn, he'll be a frustrating fantasy asset, but he gets a big upgrade at QB going from **Cam Newton** to **Drew Brees**, and he'll be their primary deep threat.

TERRELLE PRYOR

(WR, WAS)

Pryor is moving to a new team, which can be disruptive, but we like how it's a one-year "prove it" deal, since Pryor proved a lot in 2016. His growth last year was pretty remarkable. He went from running only a few routes early on to running damn near a full route tree by season's end. Pryor posted 77/1007/4 as essentially a 27-year-old rookie wideout, and he did so with *six* different QBs, none of them particularly good. Pryor will have to learn some new terminology, but it's a similar system to Cleveland's, as Brown HC **Hue Jackson** has ties to Redskin OC **Jay Gruden** from their days in Cincinnati. To put his fantasy prospects into perspective, consider this: No team in NFL history has ever lost two 1000-yard-yard WRs in an offseason. With the loss of Jackson/Garçon, 35% of their team share of targets (214 total targets) and 32% of their red-zone targets from the 2016 season are open for Pryor and **Josh Doctson** to claim.

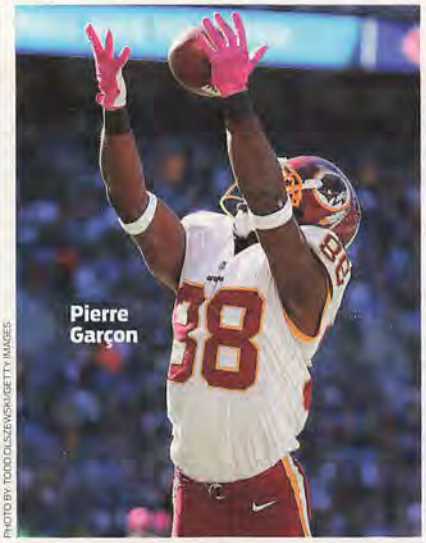
CAMERON MEREDITH

(WR, CHI)

Meredith in 2016 went from fighting for a roster spot in August to eventually leading the team in receptions and receiving yards, as the second-year receiver (and former QB) out of Illinois State had a surprising breakout season. Meredith got a lot of love from fantasy owners during the season, and the Bear coaches were also singing his praises for his versatility, improved hands, and overall consistency and reliability. With **Alshon Jeffery** gone, Meredith is now a good bet to open the season as their top passing target, pending the status of former #1 pick **Kevin White**. With an improved QB situation this year, his growth pattern should continue to point upward in 2017... and the coaches love him!

PIERRE GARÇON (WR, SF)

It's no surprise that new HC **Kyle Shanahan** brought in a guy he's familiar with in Garçon, who led the NFL in receptions in 2013 with Shanahan as the Redskins' OC. A physical route-runner



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with sure hands, Garçon is very steady, and he's seriously durable, having not missed a game over the last four years. It's also worth noting that his role increased in the second half of the season last year, and from Week 10 on, he averaged 14.9 FPG, tying him for 16th at the position, which is a glimpse into his potential as a featured guy in the 49er passing game. Garçon at 31 years old isn't going to win based on explosiveness and athleticism, but he has plenty left in the tank, and he'll immediately be the top target on the outside for QB **Brian Hoyer**.

BRESHAD PERRIMAN

(WR, BAL)

Casual fantasy players probably don't know how talented this guy is because—due to his rawness coming out of UCF in 2015 and his lost rookie season—he was merely a role player in 2016 (involved in only 6% of their plays). But with very good size and speed—he ran two sub-4.3 40-yard dashes at his pro day—Perriman is not a prospect to give up on. In fact, with the Ravens surprisingly not adding a wideout in free agency or the draft, Perriman looks like a value to target. He may need another full season before he's ready to show us the best he has to offer, but he's now been a pro for two years and did get some valuable reps last year (42% of the snaps), so everything is in place for him to take a big step forward. His QB has the big arm to take advantage of his vertical speed, which he did at times last year (15 yards a catch), and the Ravens really need to get meaningful contributions from him.

MARTELLUS BENNETT (TE, GB)

The Packers have had some bad TEs the last 2-3 years, but we did get a glimpse into what a strong pass-catcher can do in this offense with **Jared Cook** late in 2016. In their final 10 games (including the playoffs), Cook averaged a strong 4.2/55.3/0.3 (7.2 targets) per game while seeing 18.7% of the Packers' targets. With that type of usage and production over a full season, Cook would have ranked 6th (tied) among all TEs in 2016 target share and as the TE11 in PPR PPG at the position. The Packers give up a little athleticism going from Cooks to Bennett, but they get more versatility and better blocking. **Aaron Rodgers** throws to his TEs when they're in scoring position, and over the last three years, a solid 19% of his throws from inside the 10-yard line have been to a TE. Another free agent pickup, **Lance Kendricks**, has been a noted TD vulture and his presence could conceivably cap Bennett's upside, but we still view Bennett as an upgrade in Green Bay.

AUSTIN HOOPER (TE, ATL)

The Falcons have moved on from veteran **Jacob Tamme**, who was not re-signed this offseason, and while they did re-sign **Levine Toilolo**, he's primarily a run blocker and has shown few signs of any upside as a receiver. Atlanta didn't grab one of the top TEs in a deep class, and while they did use a 5th-round pick on Drake's **Eric Saubert**, he's a raw prospect coming from a spread offense. This means Hooper is officially a fantasy sleeper in year two on the Falcons, who targeted the TE a combined 83 times and posted a healthy 58/788/10 receiving line. Hooper won't swallow up 100% of Atlanta's TE production, but Falcon tight ends put up a combined 196.8 points in PPR scoring in 2016, which would have bested **Jimmy Graham** for the cumulative TE4 slot on the year. Hooper showed last year that he moves well and he definitely flashed, and he is a good upside-oriented TE2 and/or a strong value in 14-team or larger leagues.

JACK DOYLE (TE, IND)

Doyle is beloved in Indy for his lunch-pail approach and reliability. The Colts traded **Dwayne Allen** to the Patriots and didn't draft a TE, so things have gone well this offseason for Doyle and his fantasy prospects. Indy is one of the heaviest 2-TE teams in the league, as TE-friendly OC **Rob Chudzinski** loves multiple-TE sets, and Doyle has something that should be very valuable: the complete trust of **Andrew Luck**. Doyle now looks like a safe and steady TE2 with some upside from there if things work out well for him in the red zone, and it's not outlandish to think Doyle can hit double-digit TDs in 2017, given his savvy red zone chemistry with Luck. FF

THE ADP LIST

PPR

RK	PLAYER	TEAM	POS	ADP
1	David Johnson	ARI	RB1	1
2	Le'Veon Bell	PIT	RB2	2
3	Ezekiel Elliott	DAL	RB3	3
4	Antonio Brown	PIT	WR1	4
5	Julio Jones	ATL	WR2	5.5
6	Odell Beckham Jr.	NYG	WR3	5.5
7	Mike Evans	TB	WR4	7.5
8	LeSean McCoy	BUF	RB4	8.5
9	A.J. Green	CIN	WR5	9
10	Melvin Gordon	LAC	RB5	9
11	Devonta Freeman	ATL	RB6	11
12	Michael Thomas	NO	WR6	13.5
13	Jordan Howard	CHI	RB7	13.5
14	Jordy Nelson	GB	WR7	13.5
15	T.Y. Hilton	IND	WR8	15.5
16	DeMarco Murray	TEN	RB8	16.5
17	Jay Ajayi	MIA	RB9	17
18	Dez Bryant	DAL	WR9	17
19	Amari Cooper	OAK	WR10	18
20	Todd Gurley	LAR	RB10	20
21	DeAndre Hopkins	HOU	WR11	21.5
22	Rob Gronkowski	NE	TE1	22
23	Lamar Miller	HOU	RB11	24
24	Brandin Cooks	NE	WR12	24.5
25	Allen Robinson	JAC	WR13	26
26	Doug Baldwin	SEA	WR14	26
27	Aaron Rodgers	GB	QB1	29.5
28	Keenan Allen	LAC	WR15	29.5
29	Demaryius Thomas	DEN	WR16	31
30	Alshon Jeffery	PHI	WR17	31.5
31	Carlos Hyde	SF	RB12	33
32	Sammy Watkins	BUF	WR18	35
33	Jarvis Landry	MIA	WR19	35
34	Davante Adams	GB	WR20	36.5
35	Travis Kelce	KC	TE2	36.5
36	Spencer Ware	KC	RB13	37.5
37	Mark Ingram	NO	RB14	40.5
38	C.J. Anderson	DEN	RB15	41
39	Leonard Fournette	JAC	RB16	41.5
40	Jordan Reed	WAS	TE3	41.5
41	Terrelle Pryor	WAS	WR21	43
42	Tom Brady	NE	QB2	44
43	Michael Crabtree	OAK	WR22	44
44	Isaiah Crowell	CLE	RB17	45
45	Tyreek Hill	KC	WR23	47.5
46	Tevin Coleman	ATL	RB18	47.5
47	Julian Edelman	NE	WR24	48
48	Golden Tate	DET	WR25	50.5
49	Andrew Luck	IND	QB3	53.5
50	Drew Brees	NO	QB4	54.5
51	Larry Fitzgerald	ARI	WR26	54.5
52	Marshawn Lynch	OAK	RB19	55.5
53	Greg Olsen	CAR	TE4	56
54	Brandon Marshall	NYG	WR27	57
55	Eddie Lacy	SEA	RB20	58
56	Christian McCaffrey	CAR	RB21	59
57	Stefon Diggs	MIN	WR28	59.5
58	Martavis Bryant	PIT	WR29	60
59	Donte Moncrief	IND	WR30	60.5
60	Kelvin Benjamin	CAR	WR31	61.5
61	Emmanuel Sanders	DEN	WR32	63
62	Tyler Eifert	CIN	TE5	66
63	Matt Ryan	ATL	QB5	66.5
64	Ty Montgomery	GB	RB22	68
65	Derrick Henry	TEN	RB23	68
66	Ameer Abdullah	DET	RB24	68
67	Adrian Peterson	NO	RB25	69.5
68	Jimmy Graham	SEA	TE6	69.5
69	Jamison Crowder	WAS	WR33	70
70	Latavius Murray	MIN	RB26	71
71	Bilal Powell	NYJ	RB27	71.5
72	Theo Riddick	DET	RB28	73.5
73	Doug Martin	TB	RB29	74
74	Cam Newton	CAR	QB6	74
75	Russell Wilson	SEA	QB7	75
76	Joe Mixon	CIN	RB30	76.5
77	DeSean Jackson	TB	WR34	78
78	Delanie Walker	TEN	TE7	79
79	Willie Snead	NO	WR35	80
80	Dalvin Cook	MIN	RB31	82
81	Corey Coleman	CLE	WR36	84.5
82	Derek Carr	OAK	QB8	84.5
83	Randall Cobb	GB	WR37	84.5
84	Paul Perkins	NYG	RB32	85.5
85	Eric Decker	NYJ	WR38	86
86	Danny Woodhead	BAL	RB33	88.5
87	Frank Gore	IND	RB34	89
88	Rishard Matthews	TEN	WR39	89
89	Corey Davis	TEN	WR40	90
90	Martellus Bennett	GB	TE8	94
91	Devante Parker	MIA	WR41	95
92	Ben Roethlisberger	PIT	QB9	95
93	Robert Kelley	WAS	RB35	95
94	Jordan Matthews	PHI	WR42	95
95	Mike Gillislee	NE	RB36	95.5
96	Kenneth Dixon	BAL	RB37	97
97	Hunter Henry	LAC	TE9	98.5
98	C.J. Prosise	SEA	RB38	100
99	Kyle Rudolph	MIN	TE10	100
100	Dak Prescott	DAL	QB10	100.5
101	Cameron Meredith	CHI	WR43	101
102	Jameis Winston	TB	QB11	101
103	Kirk Cousins	WAS	QB12	101
104	Matt Forte	NYJ	RB39	103
105	Marcus Mariota	TEN	QB13	103.5
106	Zach Ertz	PHI	TE11	104.5
107	LeGarrette Blount		RB40	70
108	Pierre Garcon	SF	WR44	107
109	Jamaal Charles	DEN	RB41	109
110	Jeremy Hill	CIN	RB42	110
111	Thomas Rawls	SEA	RB43	110
112	Jeremy Maclin	KC	WR45	113
113	Giovani Bernard	CIN	RB44	113.5
114	Mike Williams	LAC	WR46	114
115	Philip Rivers	LAC	QB14	117
116	Matthew Stafford	DET	QB15	117.5
117	Marvin Jones	DET	WR47	118.5
118	John Brown	ARI	WR48	120
119	Dion Lewis	NE	RB45	120.5
120	Sterling Shepard	NYG	WR49	120.5
121	Jonathan Stewart	CAR	RB46	121.5
122	Mike Wallace	BAL	WR50	124
123	Adam Thielen	MIN	WR51	126.5
124	Kenny Britt	CLE	WR52	128.5
125	Eli Manning	NYG	QB16	129.5
126	Samaje Perine	WAS	RB47	130
127	Josh Doctson	WAS	WR53	130
128	Cameron Brate	TB	TE12	131
129	Denver Broncos	DST	DST1	132
130	Kevin White	CHI	WR54	132.5
131	Andy Dalton	CIN	QB17	134
132	James White	NE	RB48	135.5
133	O.J. Howard	TB	TE13	136
134	Tyler Lockett	SEA	WR55	136
135	Kansas City Chiefs	DST	DST2	138.5
136	Duke Johnson	CLE	RB49	139
137	Tyrod Taylor	BUF	QB18	140.5
138	Carson Wentz	PHI	QB19	140.5
139	Eric Ebron	DET	TE14	141.5
140	Kareem Hunt	KC	RB50	143.5
141	Juju Smith-Schuster	PIT	WR56	147.5
142	Jack Doyle	IND	TE15	148
143	Alvin Kamara	NO	RB51	149
144	Houston Texans	DST	DST3	149.5
145	Darren Sproles	PHI	RB52	149.5
146	Tyrell Williams	LAC	WR57	151.5
147	Breshad Perriman	BAL	WR58	153
148	Seattle Seahawks	DST	DST4	153
149	Rex Burkhead	NE	RB53	153
150	John Ross	CIN	WR59	153.5
151	Terrance West	BAL	RB54	153.5
152	Blake Bortles	JAC	QB20	154
153	Charles Sims	TB	RB55	155
154	New England Patriots	DST	DST5	158
155	Cole Beasley	DAL	WR60	159
156	Minnesota Vikings	DST	DST6	159.5
157	Ted Ginn	NO	WR61	159.5
158	Julius Thomas	MIA	TE16	159.5
159	Carson Palmer	ARI	QB21	160
160	Jamaal Williams	GB	RB56	162
161	David Njoku	CLE	TE17	163
162	Josh Gordon	CLE	WR62	164
163	Ryan Mathews	PHI	RB57	178
164	Jason Witten	DAL	TE18	164.5
165	Kenny Stills	MIA	WR63	165.5
166	Arizona Cardinals	DST	DST7	166
167	Evan Engram	NYG	TE19	166
168	Allen Hurns	JAC	WR64	166
169	C.J. Fiedorowicz	HOU	TE20	167.5
170	Ladarius Green	PIT	TE21	169.5
171	Will Fuller	HOU	WR65	170.5
172	Quincy Enunwa	NYJ	WR66	170
173	Austin Hooper	ATL	TE22	171
174	Michael Floyd	MIN	WR67	184.5
175	Ryan Tannehill	MIA	QB22	174.5
176	Coby Fleener	NO	TE23	171.5
177	New York Giants	DST	DST8	173
178	Devontae Booker	DEN	RB58	172
179	Jared Cook	OAK	TE24	174
180	Jacquizz Rodgers	TB	RB59	186
181	Joe Flacco	BAL	QB23	176.5
182	D'Onta Foreman	HOU	RB60	180.5
183	Marlon Mack	IND	RB61	178
184	Baltimore Ravens	DST	DST9	192.5
185	Justin Tucker	BAL	K1	157
186	J.J. Nelson	ARI	WR68	180
187	Robert Woods	LAR	WR69	180.5
188	Zay Jones	BUF	WR70	185.5
189	Curtis Samuel	CAR	WR71	183.5
190	Tavon Austin	LAR	WR72	183.5
191	Taylor Gabriel	ATL	WR73	192.5
192	Chris Ivory	JAC	RB62	167
193	Zach Miller	CHI	TE25	190
194	Stephen Gostkowski	NE	K2	169
195	Marqise Lee	JAC	WR74	192.5
196	Mohamed Sanu	ATL	WR75	187
197	Alex Smith	KC	QB24	198.5
198	Matt Bryant	ATL	K3	175
199	Carolina Panthers	DST	DST10	193
200	Sam Bradford	MIN	QB25	178
201	DeAngelo Williams	PIT	RB63	182
202	Deshaun Watson	HOU	QB26	191.5
203	Darren McFadden	DAL	RB64	215
204	Wendell Smallwood	PHI	RB65	193.5
205	Malcolm Mitchell	NE	WR76	187
206	Chris Thompson	WAS	RB66	212
207	Dan Bailey	DAL	K4	189
208	Atlanta Falcons	DST	DST11	204
209	Jonathan Williams	BUF	RB67	215.5
210	Joe Williams	SF	RB68	201.5
211	Dwayne Allen	NE	TE26	200.5
212	Tim Hightower	SF	RB69	196
213	Devin Funchess	CAR	WR77	196
214	T.J. Yeldon	JAC	RB70	201
215	Dennis Pitta	BAL	TE27	215.5
216	James Conner	PIT	RB71	209.5
217	Mike Glennon	CHI	QB27	200
218	Jeremy McNichols	TB	RB72	201
219	Charles Clay	BUF	TE28	202
220	Adam Vinatieri	IND	K5	203
221	Laquon Treadwell	MIN	WR78	204
222	Dallas Cowboys	DST	DST12	230
223	Jerick McKinnon	MIN	RB73	216.5
224	Jared Goff	LAR	QB28	206
225	Tyler Boyd	CIN	WR79	207
226	Antonio Gates	LAC	TE29	214
227	Jeremy Langford	CHI	RB74	209
228	Jalen Richard	OAK	RB75	209
229	Torrey Smith	PHI	WR80	211
230	Mitch Trubisky	CHI	QB29	212
231	Oakland Raiders	DST	DST13	223.5
232	Chris Hogan	NE	WR81	213.5
233	Brian Hoyer	SF	QB30	214
234	Wayne Gallman	NYG	RB76	215
235	Jacksonville Jaguars	DST	DST14	217.5
236	DeAndre Washington	OAK	RB77	216.5
237	Philadelphia Eagles	DST	DST15	221
238	Cooper Kupp	LAR	WR82	219
239	Mason Crosby	GB	K6	221
240	Los Angeles Rams	DST	DST16	227.5
241	Kamar Aiken	IND	WR83	222
242	Tyler Higbee	LAR	TE30	223
243	Pittsburgh Steelers	DST	DST17	228
244	Carlos Henderson	DEN	WR84	224.5
245	Chris Godwin	TB	WR85	226
246	Dede Westbrook	JAC	WR86	226
247	Charcandrick West	KC	RB78	227
248	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	DST	DST18	237.5
249	Shane Vereen	NYG	RB79	238.5
250	Matt Prater	DET	K7	230
251	Sebastian Janikowski	OAK	K8	231
252	Paul Richardson	SEA	WR87	231
253	Brandon McManus	DEN	K9	233
254	Travis Benjamin	LAC	WR88	234
255	Miami Dolphins	DST	DST19	244.5
256	Vance McDonald	SF	TE31	235
257	ArDarius Stewart	NYJ	WR89	236
258	Los Angeles Chargers	DST	DST20	239
259	Robby Anderson	NYJ	WR90	237
260	Caleb Sturgis	PHI	K10	238
261	Erik Swoope	IND	TE32	238
262	Cleveland Browns	DST	DST21	250
263	Brandon LaFell	CIN	WR91	239
264	Jesse James	PIT	TE33	240
265	Steven Hauschka	BUF	K11	241
266	Cairo Santos	KC	K12	242
267	Eli Rogers	PIT	WR92	242
268	Graham Gano	CAR	K13	243
269	Vernon Davis	WAS	TE34	243
270	Blair Walsh	SEA	K14	244

RK	PLAYER	TEAM	POS	ADP
271	Cordarrelle Patterson	OAK	WR93	245
272	Roberto Aguayo	TB	K15	245
273	Chris Boswell	PIT	K16	246
274	Cincinnati Bengals	DST	DST22	247
275	Nick Novak	HOU	K17	248
276	Taywan Taylor	TEN	WR94	248
277	Robbie Gould	SF	K18	249
278	Patrick Mahomes	KC	QB31	249
279	Ryan Succop	TEN	K19	250
280	Trevor Siemian	DEN	QB32	250
281	Buffalo Bills	DST	DST23	251
282	Phil Dawson	ARI	K20	251
283	Terrance Williams	DAL	WR95	252
284	Green Bay Packers	DST	DST24	253
285	Tennessee Titans	DST	DST25	256
286	San Francisco 49ers	DST	DST26	257
287	Washington Redskins	DST	DST27	258
288	Chicago Bears	DST	DST28	259
289	Indianapolis Colts	DST	DST29	260
290	Detroit Lions	DST	DST30	262

STANDARD

1	David Johnson	ARI	RB1	1.3
2	Ezekiel Elliott	DAL	RB2	2
3	Le'Veon Bell	PIT	RB3	2.7
4	Antonio Brown	PIT	WR1	4
5	Julio Jones	ATL	WR2	5
6	Odell Beckham Jr.	NYG	WR3	6
7	Mike Evans	TB	WR4	7.3
8	LeSean McCoy	BUF	RB4	8
9	A.J. Green	CIN	WR5	9.7
10	Jordy Nelson	GB	WR6	10.7
11	Melvin Gordon	LAC	RB5	12.3
12	Jordan Howard	CHI	RB6	12.3
13	Devonta Freeman	ATL	RB7	12.7
14	DeMarco Murray	TEN	RB8	13.7
15	T.Y. Hilton	IND	WR7	15.7
16	Dez Bryant	DAL	WR8	16.7
17	Rob Gronkowski	NE	TE1	17.3
18	Michael Thomas	NO	WR9	17.7
19	Jay Ajayi	MIA	RB9	18.3
20	Aaron Rodgers	GB	QB1	20
21	Todd Gurley	LAR	RB10	22
22	Amari Cooper	OAK	WR10	22.3
23	DeAndre Hopkins	HOU	WR11	24.3
24	Lamar Miller	HOU	RB11	24.7
25	Tom Brady	NE	QB2	27
26	Doug Baldwin	SEA	WR12	28
27	Carlos Hyde	SF	RB12	29.3
28	Alshon Jeffery	PHI	WR13	31.7
29	Leonard Fournette	JAC	RB13	32.3
30	Marshawn Lynch	OAK	RB14	33.3
31	Drew Brees	NO	QB3	33.7
32	Isaiah Crowell	CLE	RB15	37.3
33	C.J. Anderson	DEN	RB16	37.7
34	Demaryius Thomas	DEN	WR14	38.7
35	Brandin Cooks	NE	WR15	39
36	Jordan Reed	WAS	TE2	40.7
37	Spencer Ware	KC	RB17	41
38	Sammy Watkins	BUF	WR16	41
39	Travis Kelce	KC	TE3	41.3
40	Mark Ingram	NO	RB18	42.3
41	Keenan Allen	LAC	WR17	42.7
42	Greg Olsen	CAR	TE4	43
43	Jarvis Landry	MIA	WR18	44.7
44	Allen Robinson	JAC	WR19	46.7
45	Davante Adams	GB	WR20	47.3
46	Christian McCaffrey	CAR	RB19	48
47	Matt Ryan	ATL	QB4	49
48	Tevin Coleman	ATL	RB20	51
49	Terrelle Pryor	WAS	WR21	51
50	Michael Crabtree	OAK	WR22	51
51	Julian Edelman	NE	WR23	51.3
52	Kelvin Benjamin	CAR	WR24	54.7
53	Eddie Lacy	SEA	RB21	54.7
54	Andrew Luck	IND	QB5	54.7
55	Adrian Peterson	NO	RB22	57.7
56	Brandon Marshall	NYG	WR25	57.7
57	Cam Newton	CAR	QB6	58
58	Ty Montgomery	GB	RB23	59.7
59	Emmanuel Sanders	DEN	WR26	61
60	Delanie Walker	TEN	TE5	64.7
61	Golden Tate	DET	WR27	65.3
62	Ameer Abdullah	DET	RB24	65.3
63	Dak Prescott	DAL	QB7	66
64	Joe Mixon	CIN	RB25	66.7
65	Martavis Bryant	PIT	WR28	68.3
66	Jimmy Graham	SEA	TE6	69.3
67	Larry Fitzgerald	ARI	WR29	69.7
68	Donte Moncrief	IND	WR30	70.3
69	Tyreek Hill	KC	WR31	70.7
70	Latavius Murray	MIN	RB26	71
71	Russell Wilson	SEA	QB8	72
72	Dalvin Cook	MIN	RB27	73.3
73	Bilal Powell	NYJ	RB28	74
74	Mike Gillislee	NE	RB29	75
75	Stefon Diggs	MIN	WR32	76
76	Tyler Eifert	CIN	TE7	77
77	Jamison Crowder	WAS	WR33	77.3
78	Frank Gore	IND	RB30	79
79	Kirk Cousins	WAS	QB9	80.3
80	Jameis Winston	TB	QB10	81.7
81	DeSean Jackson	TB	WR34	81.7
82	Kyle Rudolph	MIN	TE8	83
83	Eric Decker	NYJ	WR35	84.7
84	Robert Kelley	WAS	RB31	85.7
85	Rishard Matthews	TEN	WR36	86.7
86	Corey Davis	TEN	WR37	87
87	Paul Perkins	NYG	RB32	87
88	Theo Riddick	DET	RB33	87.3
89	Ben Roethlisberger	PIT	QB11	88.3
90	Doug Martin	TB	RB34	90
91	Derek Carr	OAK	QB12	91.3
92	Danny Woodhead	BAL	RB35	94.3
93	Jonathan Stewart	CAR	RB36	94.7
94	Jeremy Hill	CIN	RB37	95.3
95	Matt Forte	NYJ	RB38	95.7
96	Willie Snead	NO	WR38	97.7
97	LeGarrette Blount	PHI	RB39	98
98	Kenneth Dixon	BAL	RB40	99.7
99	Denver Broncos	DST	DST1	100.3
100	Randall Cobb	GB	WR39	101
101	Martellus Bennett	GB	TE9	103.7
102	Derrick Henry	TEN	RB41	106.3
103	Marcus Mariota	TEN	QB13	109
104	Pierre Garcon	SF	WR40	111.3
105	Kenny Britt	CLE	WR41	111.7
106	Seattle Seahawks	DST	DST2	112.7
107	Mike Williams	LAC	WR42	113.3
108	Houston Texans	DST	DST3	118.7
109	Eric Ebron	DET	TE10	119.3
110	Zach Ertz	PHI	TE11	119.3
111	Jamaal Charles	DEN	RB42	119.7
112	C.J. Prosise	SEA	RB43	120.3
113	Corey Coleman	CLE	WR43	121.3
114	Hunter Henry	LAC	TE12	121.7
115	Rex Burkhead	NE	RB44	122
116	Matthew Stafford	DET	QB14	122.7
117	Cameron Meredith	CHI	WR44	123
118	Kansas City Chiefs	DST	DST4	126
119	Giovani Bernard	CIN	RB45	127
120	Philip Rivers	LAC	QB15	128.3
121	Jordan Matthews	PHI	WR45	128.7
122	O.J. Howard	TB	TE13	129.7
123	Jeremy Maclin	KC	WR46	130.3
124	Tyrod Taylor	BUF	QB16	131
125	Baltimore Ravens	DST	DST5	131.3
126	John Brown	ARI	WR47	132.3
127	Kareem Hunt	KC	RB46	132.7
128	Stephen Gostkowski	NE	K1	132.7
129	Andy Dalton	CIN	QB17	134.7
130	Thomas Rawls	SEA	RB47	136.3
131	Eli Manning	NYG	QB18	137.3
132	Justin Tucker	BAL	K2	138.3
133	Mike Wallace	BAL	WR48	139.3
134	Devante Parker	MIA	WR49	139.7
135	Dion Lewis	NE	RB48	140.3
136	Marvin Jones	DET	WR50	140.3
137	Minnesota Vikings	DST	DST6	140.3
138	John Ross	CIN	WR51	143
139	Arizona Cardinals	DST	DST7	144.3
140	New England Patriots	DST	DST8	146
141	Samaje Perine	WAS	RB49	146.3
142	Cameron Brate	TB	TE14	121
143	David Njoku	CLE	TE15	148.3
144	Matt Bryant	ATL	K3	149.3
145	Carson Wentz	PHI	QB19	152
146	Blake Bortles	JAC	QB20	152.7
147	Jack Doyle	IND	TE16	153
148	Jacquizz Rodgers	TB	RB50	153.7
149	Jamaal Williams	GB	RB51	132
150	Adam Thielen	MIN	WR52	133
151	Kevin White	CHI	WR53	156
152	Ryan Mathews	PHI	RB52	135
153	Marqise Lee	JAC	WR54	135.5
154	James White	NE	RB53	157.3
155	Terrance West	BAL	RB54	158
156	Ted Ginn	NO	WR55	158.3
157	Tyrell Williams	LAC	WR56	158.7
158	J.J. Nelson	ARI	WR57	138
159	Jason Witten	DAL	TE17	159
160	Charles Clay	BUF	TE18	81
161	Duke Johnson	CLE	RB55	145.5
162	Tyler Lockett	SEA	WR58	147.5
163	Charles Sims	TB	RB56	165.3
164	Wendell Smallwood	PHI	RB57	166.7
165	Marlon Mack	IND	RB58	149.5
166	Sterling Shepard	NYG	WR59	151
167	New York Giants	DST	DST9	168
168	Jerick McKinnon	MIN	RB59	152.5
169	Evan Engram	NYG	TE19	168.7
170	Devontae Booker	DEN	RB60	169
171	Dan Bailey	DAL	K4	169
172	Deshaun Watson	HOU	QB21	159.5
173	Dallas Cowboys	DST	DST10	108
174	Chris Hogan	NE	WR60	155
175	Josh Gordon	CLE	WR61	155.5
176	Julius Thomas	MIA	TE20	171
177	Green Bay Packers	DST	DST11	113
178	Antonio Gates	LAC	TE21	157
179	Carson Palmer	ARI	QB22	172.7
180	Curtis Samuel	CAR	WR62	161
181	Oakland Raiders	DST	DST12	173
182	Cole Beasley	DAL	WR63	175.3
183	Darren Sproles	PHI	RB61	165.5
184	Alvin Kamara	NO	RB62	177.7
185	Nick Novak	HOU	K5	186
186	Alex Smith	KC	QB23	180
187	Atlanta Falcons	DST	DST13	184.3
188	Chris Ivory	JAC	RB63	170
189	Jacksonville Jaguars	DST	DST14	188
190	Breshad Perriman	BAL	WR64	181
191	Joe Williams	SF	RB64	172
192	Austin Hooper	ATL	TE22	145
193	D'Onta Foreman	HOU	RB65	178.5
194	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	DST	DST15	178
195	Wayne Gallman	NYG	RB66	150
196	Adam Vinatieri	IND	K6	184
197	DeAngelo Williams	PIT	RB67	151
198	Pittsburgh Steelers	DST	DST16	184.5
199	Jonathan Williams	BUF	RB68	194.5
200	Mitch Trubisky	CHI	QB24	156
201	Josh Doctson	WAS	WR65	179
202	Mohamed Sanu	ATL	WR66	179
203	Philadelphia Eagles	DST	DST17	180.5
204	C.J. Fiedorowicz	HOU	TE23	180.5
205	Ladarius Green	PIT	TE24	183
206	Los Angeles Rams	DST	DST18	183
207	Quincy Enunwa	NYJ	WR67	167
208	Mason Crosby	GB	K7	189.5
209	Will Fuller	HOU	WR68	195.5
210	Carolina Panthers	DST	DST19	190.7
211	Will Lutz	NO	K8	171
212	Graham Gano	CAR	K9	202.7
213	Coby Fleener	NO	TE25	187
214	Chris Boswell	PIT	K10	206
215	Tim Hightower	SF	RB69	175
216	Dustin Hopkins	WAS	K11	176
217	Cooper Kupp	LAR	WR69	176
218	Kenny Stills	MIA	WR70	192.7
219	Robert Woods	LAR	WR71	196.5
220	Sebastian Janikowski	OAK	K12	202
221	James Conner	PIT	RB70	199.5
222	Taylor Gabriel	ATL	WR72	194
223	Dwayne Allen	NE	TE26	179
224	Torrey Smith	PHI	WR73	204
225	Jared Cook	OAK	TE27	185
226	Tavon Austin	LAR	WR74	188
227	Caleb Sturgis	PHI	K13	217
228	Steven Hauschka	BUF	K14	215
229	Juju Smith-Schuster	PIT	WR75	193
230	Allen Hurns	JAC	WR76	194
231	Zay Jones	BUF	WR77	201.5
232	Cincinnati Bengals	DST	DST20	200
233	Joe Flacco	BAL	QB25	203
234	DeAndre Washington	OAK	RB71	204
235	Sam Bradford	MIN	QB26	205
236	Ryan Tannehill	MIA	QB27	206
237	Brandon McManus	DEN	K15	213
238	T.J. Yeldon	JAC	RB72	217
239	Darren McFadden	DAL	RB73	218
240	Buffalo Bills	DST	DST21	219
241	Kamar Aiken	IND	WR78	225
242	Matt Prater	DET	K16	228
243	Cleveland Browns	DST	DST22	229
244	Jeremy Langford	CHI	RB74	230
245	Cairo Santos	KC	K17	231
246	Miami Dolphins	DST	DST23	232
247	Los Angeles Chargers	DST	DST24	234
248	Charcandrick West	KC	RB75	235
249	Roberto Aguayo	TB	K18	240

12-TEAM INDUSTRY

	1 RICK WOLF	2 MIKE CLAY	3 JOHN HANSEN	4 MAURICE JONES-DREW	5 LISA ANN	6 ADAM CAPLAN
1	David Johnson	Le'Veon Bell	Antonio Brown	Ezekiel Elliott	Odell Beckham	Mike Evans
2	Alshon Jeffery	Amari Cooper	DeMarco Murray	DeAndre Hopkins	Brandin Cooks	Todd Gurley
3	Lamar Miller	Rob Gronkowski	Carlos Hyde	Joe Mixon	Aaron Rodgers	Jarvis Landry
4	Mark Ingram	Emmanuel Sanders	Terrelle Pryor	C.J Anderson	Jeremy Hill	DeMaryius Thomas
5	Adrian Peterson	Michael Crabtree	Cameron Meredith	Kelvin Benjamin	Derrick Henry	Tevin Coleman
6	Brandon Marshall	Jamison Crowder	C.J. Prosise	DeSean Jackson	O.J. Howard	Jordan Matthews
7	Eric Decker	Willie Snead	Tom Brady	Delanie Walker	Mike Williams	Kenneth Dixon
8	Russell Wilson	Matt Ryan	DeVante Parker	Cam Newton	Cameron Brate	Tyler Eifert
9	Sterling Shepard	Bilal Powell	Paul Perkins	Jameis Winston	Dak Prescott	Hunter Henry
10	Kyle Rudolph	Mike Gillislee	John Brown	Jeremy Maclin	Dion Lewis	Theo Riddick
11	Kenny Britt	Matt Forte	Latavius Murray	Zay Jones	Tyler Lockett	James White
12	Tyrell Williams	Gio Bernard	Eric Ebron	Curtis Samuel	Mohamed Sanu	Carson Wentz
13	Taylor Gabriel	Josh Doctson	Coby Fleener	Thomas Rawls	Cole Beasley	Matthew Stafford
14	Tavon Austin	Robert Woods	Wendall Smallwood	Evan Engram	Tyler Boyd	Malcom Mitchell
15	Broncos D/ST	Darren Sproles	Vikings D/ST	Texans D/ST	Tajae Sharpe	Chiefs DT/ST
16	Eli Rogers	Chargers D/ST	Phillip Dorsett	Dede Westbrook	Eagles D/ST	Falcons DT/ST

Q&A

SOME OF THE MOST RESPECTED FANTASY EXPERTS IN THE GAME FACED OFF FOR WHAT MAY BE THE FIRST MOCK DRAFT OF THE SEASON. ONCE THE DUST SETTLED, WE SAT DOWN WITH THE PROS FOR A BEHIND THE SCENES BREAKDOWN.

RICK WOLF

Affiliation: FantasyAlarm.com
@Rickwolf1
Game plan: I've been drafting using the SMART system, which stands for System, Management, Age, Reserves (Handcuff), and Talent. This almost always means three RBs in the first 4 rounds in leagues with a flex. I lost my way a bit during this draft as the handcuff back-to-back picks in the 4th and 5th rounds of the Saints' backfield forced me to chase WRs for the rest of the draft.

Best value pick: Kenny Britt
Favorite team: Mike Clay

MIKE CLAY

Affiliation: ESPN
@MikeClayNFL
Game plan: I picked 2nd so I knew I would have the benefit of landing **David Johnson** or **Le'Veon Bell**. From there, my goal was to focus on loading up at WR. I felt I did that well, while also scooping up a stud at TE (Gronkowski) and QB (Ryan).

Best value pick: Bilal Powell
Favorite team: Jeff Ratcliffe

JOHN HANSEN

Affiliation: FantasyGuru.com
@Fantasy_Guru
Game plan: I'm usually a best-available-player guy who attempts to get strong value from my QB and TE spots, which I did in this one. I took **Antonio Brown** over **Ezekiel Elliott**, which I may regret, but I did so because I liked the RB option available to me in the 2nd round more than the WR options, so I went wideout in the 1st round.

Best value pick: Pierre Garcon
Favorite team: Paul Kelly

MAURICE JONES-DREW

Affiliation: SiriusXM Fantasy Sports Radio
@Jones_Drew32
Game plan: N/A
Best value pick: N/A
Favorite team: N/A

LISA ANN

Affiliation: SiriusXM Fantasy Sports Radio
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Game plan: My plan was to listen to the room, grab a couple opposing player's handcuffs, and use that as trade value later in the season. I did an absolute no-no in an expert league and took **Aaron Rodgers** with my 3rd pick. It was pretty early to take a QB, but if Rodgers can give me 80% of what he gave last season, I feel comfortable with that pick.

Best value pick: Rob Gronkowski
Favorite team: Paul Kelly

ADAM CAPLAN

Affiliation: ESPN NFL
@caplannfl
Game plan: My goal was to just draft the best available players based on scoring, then go from there.

Best value pick: Rob Gronkowski
Favorite team: Mike Clay

MOCK DRAFT

By **John Hansen**, Publisher, FantasyGuru.com

7 JEFF MANS	8 PAUL KELLY	9 BRANDON MARIANNE LEE	10 MIKE DEMPSEY	11 BOB HARRIS	12 JEFF RATCLIFFE	
Julio Jones	A.J. Green	LeSean McCoy	Jordy Nelson	Mike Thomas	Devonta Freeman	1
Dez Bryant	Jay Ajayi	TY Hilton	Leonard Fournette	Jordan Howard	Melvin Gordon	2
Spencer Ware	Doug Baldwin	Keenan Allen	Marshawn Lynch	Christian McCaffrey	Allen Robinson	3
Dalvin Cook	Golden Tate	Davante Adams	Jordan Reed	Travis Kelce	Sammy Watkins	4
Donte Moncrief	Julian Edelman	Isaiah Crowell	Tyreek Hill	Stefon Diggs	Eddie Lacy	5
Kareem Hunt	Larry Fitzgerald	Corey Davis	Ameer Abdullah	Ty Montgomery	Greg Olsen	6
Andrew Luck	Frank Gore	Drew Brees	Doug Martin	Martavis Bryant	Randall Cobb	7
Marvin Jones	Zach Ertz	Jimmy Graham	Marqise Lee	Rishard Matthews	Corey Coleman	8
Rob Kelley	Kirk Cousins	Danny Woodhead	John Ross	Derek Carr	Kevin White	9
Samaje Perine	Jonathan Stewart	Adam Thielen	Marlon Mack	Pierre Garcon	Breshad Perriman	10
Jack Doyle	Kamara Aiken	Jamaal Williams	Julius Thomas	Rex Burkhead	Marcus Mariota	11
Will Fuller	Philip Rivers	Martellus Bennett	Charles Sims	Ben Roethlisberger	D'Onta Foreman	12
Allen Hurns	Mike Wallace	Paul Richardson	Ted Ginn	Chris Hogan	Ladarius Green	13
Antonio Gates	Ryan Mathews	Kenny Stills	Tyrod Taylor	Terrance West	Duke Johnson	14
Cardinals DT/ST	Wayne Gallman	Seahawks DT/ST	Blake Bortles	Jaguars DT/ST	Jonathan Williams	15
LeGarrette Blount	Panthers DT/ST	Jalen Richard	Giants DT/ST	Charles Clay	Patriots DT/ST	16

On the Sunday after the NFL Draft, a group of fantasy experts from SiriusXM Fantasy Sports Radio, who were in town for the NFL Draft, convened in Philadelphia to conduct the first Expert's Fantasy Draft of the 2017 season. This was a 12-team, 16-round ½ point PPR serpentine draft for a league with a starting requirement of: 1 QB, 2 RBs, 3 WRs, 1 TE, 2 RB/WR/TE, and 1 D/ST (no kicker). Scoring is otherwise typical with 4 points per TD pass and 6 points per rushing/receiving TD. Owners were required to draft out a legal starting lineup, but there were no other requirements.

JEFF MANS

Affiliation:
Guru Elite
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Game plan: I had three basic goals going into this draft: 1) Select two of what I graded as premium WRs, 2) Buy up multiple RBs in situations that were valuable, and 3) Time my QB run properly to ensure I picked up an elite arm without sacrificing a pick in the first 5 rounds.

Best value pick:
Andrew Luck
Favorite team:
John Hansen

PAUL KELLY

Affiliation:
FantasyGuru.com
@PaulKellyTweets
Game plan: I like to load up on skill position guys and wait on a QB, especially in a league like this that requires two flexes. It played out well for me, particularly at WR, where I'll be starting five receivers who finished inside the top 25 last year, and I still got Cousins, who finished as the #6 QB in this format in 2016.

Best value pick:
Tom Brady
Favorite team:
Brandon Marianne Lee

BRANDON MARIANNE LEE

Affiliation:
Her Fantasy Football
@BrandonHerFFB
Game plan: In an early May draft, I stuck to players I believed have a predetermined role on their offense. Even my very last pick, **Jalen Richard**, is the team's third-down back who led the league in PFF Elusive Rating last season.

Best value pick:
Martellus Bennett
Favorite team:
Mike Clay

MIKE DEMPSEY

Affiliation:
SiriusXM Fantasy Sports Radio
MD_1010XL
Game plan: Take the best available RB or WR with each of my first two picks. Stockpile potential lead RBs. Get two potential top-10 TEs. Be the last team to draft a QB.

Best value pick:
Phillip Rivers
Favorite team:
Brandon Marianne Lee

BOB HARRIS

Affiliation:
FootballDiehards.com
@footballdiehard
Game plan: The goal was to stop up on value WRs with upside while landing RBs capable of maximizing the scoring system. I definitely feel like I accomplished the objective at wideout. I missed out on some RBs I was targeting, but came up with some reasonable alternatives.

Best value pick:
Martavis Bryant
Favorite team:
Brandon Marianne Lee

JEFF RATCLIFFE

Affiliation:
Pro Football Focus
@JeffRatcliffe
Game plan: The goal was to take an aggressive approach and grab players with high ceilings. I figured I'd miss out on the top-5 WRs, so I went RB-RB and let value fall to me when it came time to make my second set of picks. From there, the aim was to backfill with upside.

Best value pick:
Tom Brady
Favorite team:
Mike Clay

An injury-filled 2016 left many Rob Gronkowski (#87) owners repeatedly scrambling for a replacement. Gronk looks to get back on track in 2017 with a restructured incentive-based contract.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

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BALTIMORE RAVENS

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2016 RECORD **8-8**

DIVISION **AFC NORTH**

HEAD COACH
John Harbaugh
OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS
Marty Mornhinweg, Marc Trestman
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Dean Pees

DEPTH CHART

QB	Joe Flacco Ryan Mallett Dustin Vaughan
RB	Terrance West Danny Woodhead Lorenzo Taliaferro Kenneth Dixon
WR1	Mike Wallace
WR2	Breshad Perriman
WR3	Chris Matthews
WR4	Keenan Reynolds Michael Campanaro Vince Mayle Chris Moore Kenny Bell
TE	Dennis Pitta Crockett Gillmore Darren Waller Benjamin Watson Maxx Williams Nick Boyle
K	Justin Tucker

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(16)	Marlon Humphrey	CB	Alabama
2(15)	Tyus Bowser	OLB	Houston
3(10)	Chris Wormley	DE	Michigan
3(14)	Tim Williams	OLB	Alabama
4(16)	Nico Siragusa	OG	San Diego State
5(15)	Jermaine Eluemunor	OG	Texas A&M
6(2)	Chuck Clark	DB	Virginia Tech

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	@ Cincinnati	1:00 PM CBS
2	Sun, Sep 17	Cleveland	1:00 PM CBS
3	Sun, Sep 24	@ Jacksonville	9:30 AM TBD
4	Sun, Oct 1	Pittsburgh	1:00 PM CBS
5	Sun, Oct 8	@ Oakland	4:05 PM CBS
6	Sun, Oct 15	Chicago	1:00 PM FOX
7	Sun, Oct 22	@ Minnesota	1:00 PM CBS
8	Thu, Oct 26	Miami	8:25 PM CBS
9	Sun, Nov 5	@ Tennessee	1:00 PM CBS
10	Bye Week		
11	Sun, Nov 19	@ Green Bay	1:00 PM CBS
12	Mon, Nov 27	Houston	8:30 PM ESPN
13	Sun, Dec 3	Detroit	1:00 PM FOX
14	Sun, Dec 10	Pittsburgh	8:30 PM NBC
15	Sun, Dec 17	@ Cleveland	1:00 PM CBS
16	Sat, Dec 23	Indianapolis	4:30 PM NFLN
17	Sun, Dec 31	Cincinnati	1:00 PM CBS

BUFFALO BILLS

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2016 RECORD **7-9**

DIVISION **AFC EAST**

HEAD COACH
Sean McDermott
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Marty Mornhinweg
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Leslie Frazier

DEPTH CHART

QB	Tyrod Taylor Cardale Jones Nathan Peterman (R) T.J. Yates
RB	LeSean McCoy Jonathan Williams Joe Banyard Cedric O'Neal
FB	Patrick DiMarco Mike Tolbert
WR1	Sammy Watkins Andre Holmes Jeremy Butler Brandon Tate
WR2	Zay Jones (R) Corey Brown Walt Powell Kolby Listenbee
TE	Charles Clay Nick O'Leary Blake Annen Logan Thomas
K	Steven Hauschka

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(27)	Tre'Davious White	CB	LSU
2(5)	Zay Jones	WR	East Carolina
2(31)	Dion Dawkins	OG	Temple
5(19)	Matt Milano	OLB	Boston College
5(28)	Nathan Peterman	QB	Pittsburgh
6(11)	Tanner Vallejo	OLB	Boise State

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	New York	1:00 PM CBS
2	Sun, Sep 17	@ Carolina	1:00 PM CBS
3	Sun, Sep 24	Denver	1:00 PM CBS
4	Sun, Oct 1	@ Atlanta	1:00 PM CBS
5	Sun, Oct 8	@ Cincinnati	1:00 PM CBS
6	Bye Week		
7	Sun, Oct 22	Tampa Bay	1:00 PM FOX
8	Sun, Oct 29	Oakland	1:00 PM CBS
9	Thu, Nov 2	@ New York	8:25 PM NFLN
10	Sun, Nov 12	New Orleans	1:00 PM FOX
11	Sun, Nov 19	@ Los Angeles	4:05 PM FOX
12	Sun, Nov 26	@ Kansas City	1:00 PM CBS
13	Sun, Dec 3	New England	1:00 PM CBS
14	Sun, Dec 10	Indianapolis	1:00 PM CBS
15	Sun, Dec 17	Miami	1:00 PM CBS
16	Sun, Dec 24	@ New England	1:00 PM CBS
17	Sun, Dec 31	@ Miami	1:00 PM CBS

CINCINNATI BENGALS

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2016 RECORD **6-9-1**

DIVISION **AFC NORTH**

HEAD COACH
Marvin Lewis
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Ken Zampese
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Paul Guenther

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(9)	John Ross	WR	Washington
2(16)	Joe Mixon	RB	Oklahoma
3(9)	Jordan Willis	OLB	Kansas State
4(9)	Carl Lawson	OLB	Auburn
4(22)	Josh Malone	WR	Tennessee
4(32)	Ryan Glasgow	DT	Michigan
5(9)	Jake Elliott	PK	Memphis
5(33)	J.J. Dielman	C	Utah
6(9)	Jordan Evans	ILB	Oklahoma
6(23)	Brandon Wilson	RB	Houston
7(33)	Mason Schreck	TE	Buffalo

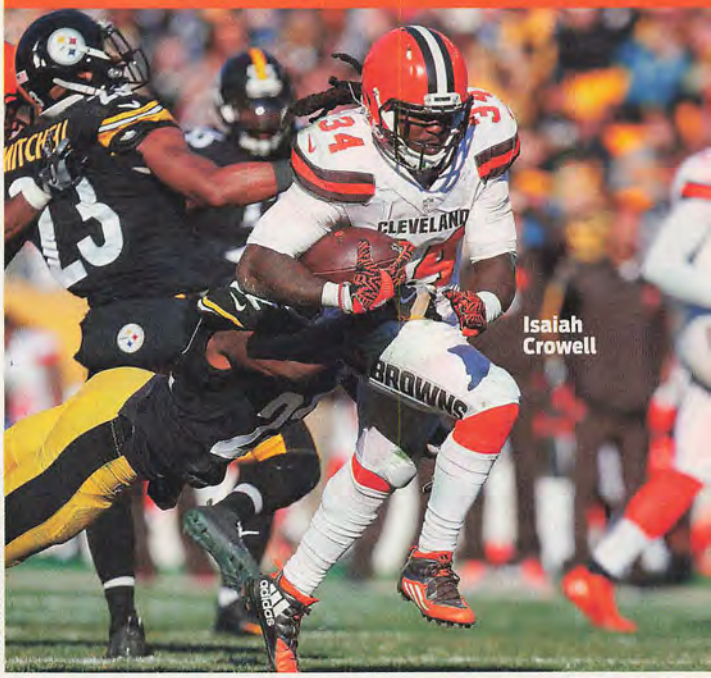
DEPTH CHART

QB	Andy Dalton AJ McCarron Jeff Driskel
RB	Jeremy Hill Giovani Bernard Joe Mixon (R) Cedric Peerman
FB	Darrin Laufasa (R)
WR1	A.J. Green #18 - Active John Ross (R) Josh Malone (R) Alonzo Russell
WR2	Brandon LaFell Cody Core Alex Erickson Tyler Boyd
TE	Tyler Eifert Ryan Hewitt Tyler Kroft Mason Schreck (R)
K	Randy Bullock Jake Elliott (R) Jonathan Brown

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	Baltimore	1:00 PM CBS
2	Thu, Sep 14	Houston	8:25 PM NFLN
3	Sun, Sep 24	@ Green Bay	4:25 PM CBS
4	Sun, Oct 1	@ Cleveland	1:00 PM CBS
5	Sun, Oct 8	Buffalo	1:00 PM CBS
6	Bye Week		
7	Sun, Oct 22	@ Pittsburgh	1:00 PM CBS
8	Sun, Oct 29	Indianapolis	1:00 PM CBS
9	Sun, Nov 5	@ Jacksonville	1:00 PM CBS
10	Sun, Nov 12	@ Tennessee	1:00 PM FOX
11	Sun, Nov 19	@ Denver	4:25 PM CBS
12	Sun, Nov 26	Cleveland	1:00 PM CBS
13	Mon, Dec 4	Pittsburgh	8:30 PM ESPN
14	Sun, Dec 10	Chicago	1:00 PM FOX
15	Sun, Dec 17	@ Minnesota	1:00 PM CBS
16	Sun, Dec 24	Detroit	1:00 PM FOX
17	Sun, Dec 31	@ Baltimore	1:00 PM CBS

CLEVELAND BROWNS



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2016 RECORD **1-15**

DIVISION **AFC NORTH**

HEAD COACH/ OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Hue Jackson
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Gregg Williams

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(1)	Myles Garrett	DE	Texas A&M
1(25)	Jabrill Peppers	S	Michigan
1(29)	David Njoku	TE	Miami (FL)
2(20)	DeShone Kizer	QB	Notre Dame
3(1)	Larry Ogunjobi	DT	Charlotte
4(20)	Howard Wilson	CB	Houston
5(16)	Roderick Johnson	OT	Florida State
6(1)	Caleb Brantley	DT	Florida
7(6)	Zane Gonzalez	PK	Arizona State
7(34)	Matthew Dayes	RB	North Carolina State

DEPTH CHART

QB	Cody Kessler Kevin Hogan Brock Osweiler DeShone Kizer (R)
RB	Isaiah Crowell Duke Johnson Jr. Matthew Dayes (R) George Atkinson III
FB	Danny Vitale
WR1	Corey Coleman Rashard Higgins Mario Alford James Wright
WR2	Kenny Britt Ricardo Louis Jordan Payton Rannell Hall
TE	David Njoku (R) Seth DeValve J.P. Holtz Randall Telfer
K	Cody Parkey Zane Gonzalez (R)

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	Pittsburgh	1:00 PM CBS
2	Sun, Sep 17	@ Baltimore	1:00 PM CBS
3	Sun, Sep 24	@ Indianapolis	1:00 PM CBS
4	Sun, Oct 1	Cincinnati	1:00 PM CBS
5	Sun, Oct 8	New York	1:00 PM FOX
6	Sun, Oct 15	@ Houston	1:00 PM CBS
7	Sun, Oct 22	Tennessee	1:00 PM CBS
8	Sun, Oct 29	Minnesota	9:30 AM NFLN
9	Bye Week		
10	Sun, Nov 12	@ Detroit	1:00 PM CBS
11	Sun, Nov 19	Jacksonville	1:00 PM CBS
12	Sun, Nov 26	@ Cincinnati	1:00 PM CBS
13	Sun, Dec 3	@ Los Angeles	4:05 PM CBS
14	Sun, Dec 10	Green Bay	1:00 PM FOX
15	Sun, Dec 17	Baltimore	1:00 PM CBS
16	Sun, Dec 24	@ Chicago	1:00 PM CBS
17	Sun, Dec 31	@ Pittsburgh	1:00 PM CBS

DENVER BRONCOS

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2016 RECORD **9-7**

DIVISION **AFC WEST**

HEAD COACH
Vance Joseph
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Mike McCoy
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Joe Woods

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(20)	Garett Bolles	OT	Utah
2(19)	DeMarcus Walker	DE	Florida State
3(18)	Carlos Henderson	WR	Louisiana Tech
3(37)	Brendan Langley	CB	Lamar
5(1)	Jake Butt	TE	Michigan
5(29)	Isaiah McKenzie	WR	Georgia
6(19)	De'Angelo Henderson	RB	Coastal Carolina
7(35)	Chad Kelly	QB	Ole Miss

DEPTH CHART

QB	Trevor Siemian Paxton Lynch Chad Kelly (R) Kyle Sloter (R)
RB	C.J. Anderson Jamaal Charles Devontae Booker De'Angelo Henderson (R)
FB	Andy Janovich
WR1	Demaryius Thomas Bennie Fowler Jordan Taylor Hunter Sharp
WR2	Emmanuel Sanders Cody Latimer Carlos Henderson (R) Kalif Raymond
TE	Virgil Green Jeff Heuerman A.J. Derby Jake Butt (R)
K	Brandon McManus

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Mon, Sep 11	Los Angeles Chargers	10:20 PM ESPN
2	Sun, Sep 17	Dallas	4:25 PM FOX
3	Sun, Sep 24	@ Buffalo	1:00 PM CBS
4	Sun, Oct 1	Oakland	4:25 PM CBS
5	Bye Week		
6	Sun, Oct 15	New York Giants	8:30 PM NBC
7	Sun, Oct 22	@ Los Angeles Chargers	4:25 PM CBS
8	Mon, Oct 30	@ Kansas City	8:30 PM ESPN
9	Sun, Nov 5	@ Philadelphia	1:00 PM CBS
10	Sun, Nov 12	New England	8:30 PM NBC
11	Sun, Nov 19	Cincinnati	4:25 PM CBS
12	Sun, Nov 26	@ Oakland	4:25 PM CBS
13	Sun, Dec 3	@ Miami	1:00 PM CBS
14	Sun, Dec 10	New York Jets	4:05 PM CBS
15	Thu, Dec 14	@ Indianapolis	8:25 PM NBC
16	Sun, Dec 24	@ Washington	1:00 PM CBS
17	Sun, Dec 31	Kansas City	4:25 PM CBS

HOUSTON TEXANS

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2016 RECORD **9-7**

DIVISION **AFC SOUTH**

HEAD COACH
Bill O'Brien
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
George Godsey
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Mike Vrabel

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(12)	Deshaun Watson	QB	Clemson
2(25)	Zach Cunningham	ILB	Vanderbilt
3(25)	D'Onta Foreman	RB	Texas
4(24)	Julie'n Davenport	OT	Bucknell
4(36)	Carlos Watkins	DT	Clemson
5(25)	Treston Decoud	S	Oregon State
7(25)	Kyle Fuller	C	Baylor

DEPTH CHART

QB	Tom Savage Brandon Weeden Deshaun Watson (R)
RB	Lamar Miller Alfred Blue D'Onta Foreman (R) Tyler Ervin
FB	Jay Prosch Kenny Hilliard
WR1	DeAndre Hopkins Jaelen Strong Keith Mumphery Tevin Jones
WR2	Will Fuller V Braxton Miller Wendall Williams Justin Hardee (R)
TE	C.J. Fiedorowicz Ryan Griffin Stephen Anderson RaShaun Allen
K	Nick Novak Ka'imi Fairbairn

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	Jacksonville	1:00 PM CBS
2	Thu, Sep 14	@ Cincinnati	8:25 PM NFLN
3	Sun, Sep 24	@ New England	1:00 PM CBS
4	Sun, Oct 1	Tennessee	1:00 PM CBS
5	Sun, Oct 8	Kansas City	8:30 PM NBC
6	Sun, Oct 15	Cleveland	1:00 PM CBS
7	Bye Week		
8	Sun, Oct 29	@ Seattle	4:05 PM CBS
9	Sun, Nov 5	Indianapolis	1:00 PM CBS
10	Sun, Nov 12	@ Los Angeles Rams	4:05 PM CBS
11	Sun, Nov 19	Arizona	1:00 PM FOX
12	Mon, Nov 27	@ Baltimore	8:30 PM ESPN
13	Sun, Dec 3	@ Tennessee	1:00 PM CBS
14	Sun, Dec 10	San Francisco	1:00 PM FOX
15	Sun, Dec 17	@ Jacksonville	1:00 PM CBS
16	Mon, Dec 25	Pittsburgh	4:30 PM NBC
17	Sun, Dec 31	@ Indianapolis	1:00 PM CBS

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

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2016 RECORD **8-8**

DIVISION **AFC SOUTH**

HEAD COACH
Chuck Pagano
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Rob Chudzinski
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Ted Monachino

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(15)	Malik Hooker	S	Ohio State
2(14)	Quincy Wilson	CB	Florida
3(16)	Tarell Basham	DE	Ohio
4(31)	Zach Banner	OT	USC
4(37)	Marlon Mack	RB	South Florida
4(38)	Grover Stewart	DT	Albany State (GA)
5(14)	Nate Hairston	CB	Temple
5(17)	Anthony Walker Jr.	ILB	Northwestern

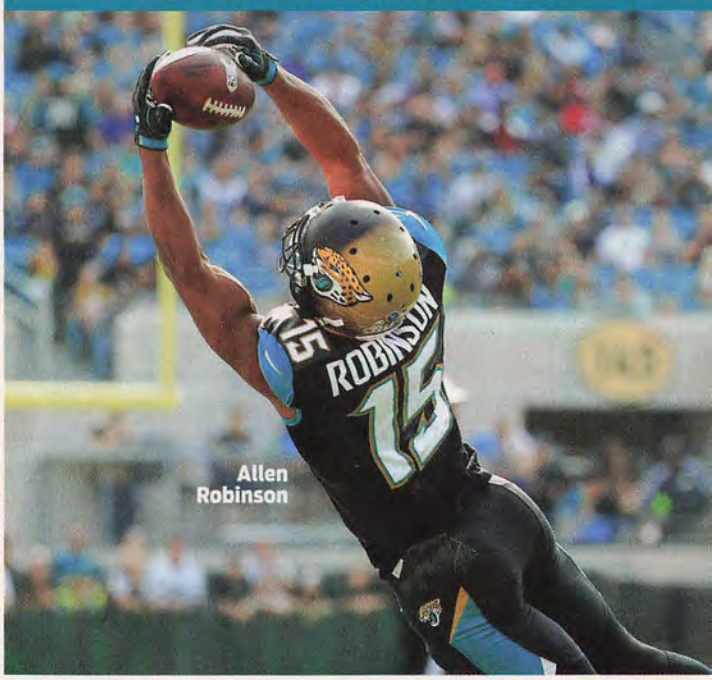
DEPTH CHART

QB	Andrew Luck Scott Tolzien Stephen Morris Phillip Walker (R)
RB	Frank Gore Robert Turbin Josh Ferguson Marlon Mack (R)
WR1	T.Y. Hilton Tevaun Smith Chester Rogers Bug Howard (R)
WR2	Donte Moncrief Kamar Aiken Marcus Leak Quan Bray
WR3	Phillip Dorsett JoJo Natson Jr. (R) Trey Griffey (R) Al-Damion Riles (R)
TE	Jack Doyle Erik Swoope Brandon Williams Mo Alie-Cox (R)
K	Adam Vinatieri

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	@ Los Angeles Rams	4:05 PM CBS
2	Sun, Sep 17	Arizona	1:00 PM FOX
3	Sun, Sep 24	Cleveland	1:00 PM CBS
4	Sun, Oct 1	@ Seattle	8:30 PM NBC
5	Sun, Oct 8	San Francisco	1:00 PM FOX
6	Mon, Oct 16	@ Tennessee	8:30 PM ESPN
7	Sun, Oct 22	Jacksonville	1:00 PM CBS
8	Sun, Oct 29	@ Cincinnati	1:00 PM CBS
9	Sun, Nov 5	@ Houston	1:00 PM CBS
10	Sun, Nov 12	Pittsburgh	1:00 PM CBS
11	Bye Week		
12	Sun, Nov 26	Tennessee	1:00 PM CBS
13	Sun, Dec 3	@ Jacksonville	1:00 PM CBS
14	Sun, Dec 10	@ Buffalo	1:00 PM CBS
15	Thu, Dec 14	Denver	8:25 PM NBC
16	Sat, Dec 23	@ Baltimore	4:30 PM NFLN
17	Sun, Dec 31	Houston	1:00 PM CBS

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS



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2016 RECORD **3-13**

DIVISION **AFC SOUTH**

HEAD COACH
Doug Marrone
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Nathaniel Hackett
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Todd Wash

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(4)	Leonard Fournette	RB	LSU
2(2)	Cam Robinson	OT	Alabama
3(4)	Dawuane Smoot	DE	Illinois
4(3)	Dede Westbrook	WR	Oklahoma
5(4)	Blair Brown	ILB	Ohio
7(4)	Jalen Myrick	CB	Minnesota
7(22)	Marquez Williams	FB	Miami (FL)

DEPTH CHART

QB	Blake Bortles Chad Henne Brandon Allen
RB	Leonard Fournette (R) T.J. Yeldon Chris Ivory Corey Grant
WR1	Allen Robinson Marqise Lee Dede Westbrook (R) Kenneth Walker III (R)
WR2	Allen Hurns Rashad Greene Sr. Arrelious Benn Larry Pinkard
TE	Marcedes Lewis Neal Sterling Tommy Bohanon Caleb Bluiett (R)
TE2	Ben Koyack Alex Ellis Mychal Rivera
K	Jason Myers

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	@ Houston	1:00 PM CBS
2	Sun, Sep 17	Tennessee	1:00 PM CBS
3	Sun, Sep 24	Baltimore	9:30 AM TBD
4	Sun, Oct 1	@ New York Jets	1:00 PM CBS
5	Sun, Oct 8	@ Pittsburgh	1:00 PM CBS
6	Sun, Oct 15	Los Angeles Rams	4:05 PM FOX
7	Sun, Oct 22	@ Indianapolis	1:00 PM CBS
8	Bye Week		
9	Sun, Nov 5	Cincinnati	1:00 PM CBS
10	Sun, Nov 12	Los Angeles Chargers	1:00 PM CBS
11	Sun, Nov 19	@ Cleveland	1:00 PM CBS
12	Sun, Nov 26	@ Arizona	4:25 PM CBS
13	Sun, Dec 3	Indianapolis	1:00 PM CBS
14	Sun, Dec 10	Seattle	1:00 PM FOX
15	Sun, Dec 17	Houston	1:00 PM CBS
16	Sun, Dec 24	@ San Francisco	4:05 PM CBS
17	Sun, Dec 31	@ Tennessee	1:00 PM CBS

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

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2016 RECORD **12-4**

DIVISION **AFC WEST**

HEAD COACH
Andy Reid
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Matt Nagy
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Bob Sutton

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(10)	Patrick Mahomes	QB	Texas Tech
2(27)	Tanoh Kpassagnon	DE	Villanova
3(22)	Kareem Hunt	RB	Toledo
4(33)	Jehu Chesson	WR	Michigan
5(40)	Ukeme Eligwe	ILB	Georgia Southern
6(35)	Leon McQuay III	S	USC

DEPTH CHART

QB	Alex Smith Patrick Mahomes II (R) Tyler Bray Joel Stave
RB	Spencer Ware Charcandrick West Kareem Hunt (R) C.J. Spiller
FB	Anthony Sherman
WR1	Jeremy Maclin Tyreek Hill De'Anthony Thomas Seantavius Jones
WR2	Chris Conley Albert Wilson Demarcus Robinson Jehu Chesson (R)
TE	Travis Kelce Gavin Escobar Demetrius Harris Ross Travis
K	Cairo Santos

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Thu, Sep 7	@ New England	8:30 PM NBC
2	Sun, Sep 17	Philadelphia	1:00 PM FOX
3	Sun, Sep 24	@ Los Angeles Chargers	4:25 PM CBS
4	Mon, Oct 2	Washington	8:30 PM ESPN
5	Sun, Oct 8	@ Houston	8:30 PM NBC
6	Sun, Oct 15	Pittsburgh	4:25 PM CBS
7	Thu, Oct 19	@ Oakland	8:25 PM CBS
8	Mon, Oct 30	Denver	8:30 PM ESPN
9	Sun, Nov 5	@ Dallas	4:25 PM CBS
10	Bye Week		
11	Sun, Nov 19	@ New York Giants	1:00 PM CBS
12	Sun, Nov 26	Buffalo	1:00 PM CBS
13	Sun, Dec 3	@ New York Jets	1:00 PM CBS
14	Sun, Dec 10	Oakland	1:00 PM CBS
15	Sat, Dec 16	Los Angeles Chargers	8:25 PM NFLN
16	Sun, Dec 24	Miami	1:00 PM CBS
17	Sun, Dec 31	@ Denver	4:25 PM CBS

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

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2016 RECORD **5-11**

DIVISION **AFC WEST**

HEAD COACH
Anthony Lynn
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Ken Whisenhunt
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Gus Bradley

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(7)	Mike Williams	WR	Clemson
2(6)	Forrest Lamp	OG	Western Kentucky
3(7)	Dan Feeney	OG	Indiana
4(6)	Rayshawn Jenkins	S	Miami (FL)
5(7)	Desmond King	S	Iowa
6(6)	Sam Tevi	OT	Utah
7(7)	Isaac Rochell	DT	Notre Dame

DEPTH CHART

QB	Philip Rivers Kellen Clemens Mike Bercovici Eli Jenkins (R)
RB	Melvin Gordon Branden Oliver Kenneth Farrow Kenjon Barner
FB	Derek Watt
WR1	Travis Benjamin Keenan Allen Isaiah Burse Da'Ron Brown
WR2	Mike Williams (R) Dontrelle Inman Tyrell Williams Geremy Davis
TE	Antonio Gates Hunter Henry Sean McGrath Asante Cleveland
K	Josh Lambo Younghoe Koo (R)

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Mon, Sep 11	@ Denver	10:20 PM ESPN
2	Sun, Sep 17	Miami	4:05 PM CBS
3	Sun, Sep 24	Kansas City	4:25 PM CBS
4	Sun, Oct 1	Philadelphia	4:05 PM FOX
5	Sun, Oct 8	@ New York Giants	1:00 PM CBS
6	Sun, Oct 15	@ Oakland	4:25 PM CBS
7	Sun, Oct 22	Denver	4:25 PM CBS
8	Sun, Oct 29	@ New England	1:00 PM CBS
9	Bye Week		
10	Sun, Nov 12	@ Jacksonville	1:00 PM CBS
11	Sun, Nov 19	Buffalo	4:05 PM FOX
12	Thu, Nov 23	@ Dallas	4:30 PM CBS
13	Sun, Dec 3	Cleveland	4:05 PM CBS
14	Sun, Dec 10	Washington	4:05 PM CBS
15	Sat, Dec 16	@ Kansas City	8:25 PM NFLN
16	Sun, Dec 24	@ New York Jets	1:00 PM CBS
17	Sun, Dec 31	Oakland	4:25 PM CBS

MIAMI DOLPHINS

Jarvis Landry

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2016 RECORD **10-6**

DIVISION **AFC EAST**

HEAD COACH
Adam Gase
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Clyde Christensen
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Matt Burke

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(22)	Charles Harris	OLB	Missouri
2(22)	Raekwon McMillan	ILB	Ohio State
3(33)	Cordrea Tankersley	CB	Clemson
5(20)	Isaac Asiata	OG	Utah
5(35)	Davon Godchaux	DT	LSU
6(10)	Vincent Taylor	DT	Oklahoma State
7(19)	Isaiah Ford	WR	Virginia Tech

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	Tampa Bay	1:00 PM FOX
2	Sun, Sep 17	@ Los Angeles Chargers	4:05 PM CBS
3	Sun, Sep 24	@ New York Jets	1:00 PM CBS
4	Sun, Oct 1	New Orleans	9:30 AM FOX
5	Sun, Oct 8	Tennessee	1:00 PM CBS
6	Sun, Oct 15	@ Atlanta	1:00 PM CBS
7	Sun, Oct 22	New York Jets	1:00 PM FOX
8	Thu, Oct 26	@ Baltimore	8:25 PM CBS
9	Sun, Nov 5	Oakland	8:30 PM NBC
10	Mon, Nov 13	@ Carolina	8:30 PM ESPN
11	Bye Week		
12	Sun, Nov 26	@ New England	1:00 PM CBS
13	Sun, Dec 3	Denver	1:00 PM CBS
14	Mon, Dec 11	New England	8:30 PM ESPN
15	Sun, Dec 17	@ Buffalo	1:00 PM CBS
16	Sun, Dec 24	@ Kansas City	1:00 PM CBS
17	Sun, Dec 31	Buffalo	1:00 PM CBS

DEPTH CHART

QB	Ryan Tannehill Matt Moore Brandon Doughty David Fales
RB	Jay Ajayi Damien Williams Kenyan Drake Storm Johnson
WR1	Jarvis Landry Leonte Carroo Isaiah Ford (R) Francis Owusu (R)
WR2	DeVante Parker Jakeem Grant Damore'ea Stringfellow (R) Malcolm Lewis (R)
WR3	Kenny Stills Rashawn Scott Drew Morgan (R)
TE	Julius Thomas Anthony Fasano MarQueis Gray Thomas Duarte
K	Andrew Franks

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Tom Brady

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2016 RECORD **14-2**

DIVISION **AFC EAST**

HEAD COACH
Bill Belichick
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Josh McDaniels
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Matt Patricia

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
3(19)	Derek Rivers	DE	Youngstown State
3(21)	Antonio Garcia	OT	Troy
4(25)	Deatrich Wise Jr.	DE	Arkansas
6(28)	Conor McDermott	OT	UCLA

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Thu, Sep 7	Kansas City	8:30 PM NBC
2	Sun, Sep 17	@ New Orleans	1:00 PM CBS
3	Sun, Sep 24	Houston	1:00 PM CBS
4	Sun, Oct 1	Carolina	1:00 PM FOX
5	Thu, Oct 5	@ Tampa Bay	8:25 PM CBS
6	Sun, Oct 15	@ New York Jets	1:00 PM CBS
7	Sun, Oct 22	Atlanta	8:30 PM NBC
8	Sun, Oct 29	Los Angeles Chargers	1:00 PM CBS
9	Bye Week		
10	Sun, Nov 12	@ Denver	8:30 PM NBC
11	Sun, Nov 19	@ Oakland	4:25 PM CBS
12	Sun, Nov 26	Miami	1:00 PM CBS
13	Sun, Dec 3	@ Buffalo	1:00 PM CBS
14	Mon, Dec 11	@ Miami	8:30 PM ESPN
15	Sun, Dec 17	@ Pittsburgh	4:25 PM CBS
16	Sun, Dec 24	Buffalo	1:00 PM CBS
17	Sun, Dec 31	New York Jets	1:00 PM CBS

DEPTH CHART

QB	Tom Brady Jimmy Garoppolo Jacoby Brissett
RB	James White Dion Lewis Rex Burkhead Mike Gillislee
FB	James Develin Glenn Gronkowski D.J. Foster
WR1	Chris Hogan Julian Edelman Malcolm Mitchell Devin Lucien
WR2	Brandin Cooks Danny Amendola Matthew Slater Devin Street
TE	Rob Gronkowski Dwayne Allen James O'Shaughnessy Matt Lengel
K	Stephen Gostkowski

NEW YORK JETS

Matt Forte

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2016 RECORD **5-11**

DIVISION **AFC EAST**

HEAD COACH
Todd Bowles
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
John Morton
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Kacy Rodgers

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(6)	Jamal Adams	S	LSU
2(7)	Marcus Maye	S	Florida
3(15)	ArDarius Stewart	WR	Alabama
4(35)	Chad Hansen	WR	California
5(6)	Jordan Leggett	TE	Clemson
5(38)	Dylan Donahue	DL	West Georgia
6(4)	Elijah McGuire	RB	Louisiana-Lafayette
6(13)	Jeremy Clark	CB	Michigan
6(20)	Derrick Jones	CB	Ole Miss

DEPTH CHART

QB	Josh McCown Bryce Petty Christian Hackenberg
RB	Matt Forte Bilal Powell Elijah McGuire (R) Brandon Wilds
WR1	Charone Peake Quinton Patton ArDarius Stewart (R) KD Cannon (R)
WR2	Quincy Enunwa Robby Anderson Devin Smith Brisly Estime (R)
WR3	Eric Decker Jalin Marshall Chad Hansen (R) Myles White
TE	Jordan Leggett (R) Austin Seferian-Jenkins Braedon Bowman Eric Tomlinson
K	Chandler Catanzaro

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	@ Buffalo	1:00 PM CBS
2	Sun, Sep 17	@ Oakland	4:05 PM CBS
3	Sun, Sep 24	Miami	1:00 PM CBS
4	Sun, Oct 1	Jacksonville	1:00 PM CBS
5	Sun, Oct 8	@ Cleveland	1:00 PM FOX
6	Sun, Oct 15	New England	1:00 PM CBS
7	Sun, Oct 22	@ Miami	1:00 PM FOX
8	Sun, Oct 29	Atlanta	1:00 PM FOX
9	Thu, Nov 2	Buffalo	8:25 PM NFLN
10	Sun, Nov 12	@ Tampa Bay	1:00 PM CBS
11	Bye Week		
12	Sun, Nov 26	Carolina	1:00 PM FOX
13	Sun, Dec 3	Kansas City	1:00 PM CBS
14	Sun, Dec 10	@ Denver	4:05 PM CBS
15	Sun, Dec 17	@ New Orleans	1:00 PM CBS
16	Sun, Dec 24	Los Angeles Chargers	1:00 PM CBS
17	Sun, Dec 31	@ New England	1:00 PM CBS

OAKLAND RAIDERS

Marshawn Lynch

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2016 RECORD **12-4**

DIVISION **AFC WEST**

HEAD COACH
Jack Del Rio
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Todd Downing
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Ken Norton, Jr.

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(24)	Gareon Conley	CB	Ohio State
2(24)	Obi Melifonwu	S	Connecticut
3(24)	Eddie Vanderdoes	DT	UCLA
4(23)	David Sharpe	OT	Florida
5(24)	Marquel Lee	OLB	Wake Forest
7(3)	Shalom Luani	S	Washington State
7(13)	Jylan Ware	OT	Alabama State
7(24)	Elijah Hood	RB	North Carolina
7(26)	Treyvon Hester	DT	Toledo

DEPTH CHART

QB	Derek Carr Connor Cook EJ Manuel
RB	Marshawn Lynch DeAndre Washington Jalen Richard Elijah Hood (R)
FB	Jamize Olawale
WR1	Amari Cooper Seth Roberts K.J. Brent Jaydon Mickens
WR2	Michael Crabtree Cordarrelle Patterson Johnny Holton Ishmael Zamora (R)
TE	Jared Cook Lee Smith Clive Walford Gabe Holmes
K	Sebastian Janikowski Giorgio Tavecchio

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	@ Tennessee	1:00 PM CBS
2	Sun, Sep 17	New York Jets	4:05 PM CBS
3	Sun, Sep 24	@ Washington	8:30 PM NBC
4	Sun, Oct 1	@ Denver	4:25 PM CBS
5	Sun, Oct 8	Baltimore	4:05 PM CBS
6	Sun, Oct 15	Los Angeles Chargers	4:25 PM CBS
7	Thu, Oct 19	Kansas City	8:25 PM CBS
8	Sun, Oct 29	@ Buffalo	1:00 PM CBS
9	Sun, Nov 5	@ Miami	8:30 PM NBC
10	Bye Week		
11	Sun, Nov 19	New England	4:25 PM CBS
12	Sun, Nov 26	Denver	4:25 PM CBS
13	Sun, Dec 3	New York Giants	4:25 PM FOX
14	Sun, Dec 10	@ Kansas City	1:00 PM CBS
15	Sun, Dec 17	Dallas	8:30 PM NBC
16	Mon, Dec 25	@ Philadelphia	8:30 PM ESPN
17	Sun, Dec 31	@ Los Angeles Chargers	4:25 PM CBS

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

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2016 RECORD **11-5**

DIVISION **AFC NORTH**

HEAD COACH
Mike Tomlin
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Todd Haley
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Keith Butler

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(30)	T.J. Watt	OLB	Wisconsin
2(30)	JuJu Smith-Schuster	WR	USC
3(30)	Cam Sutton	CB	Tennessee
3(41)	James Conner	RB	Pittsburgh
4(29)	Joshua Dobbs	QB	Tennessee
5(30)	Brian Allen	DB	Utah
6(30)	Colin Holba	LS	Louisville
7(30)	Keion Adams	OLB	Western Michigan

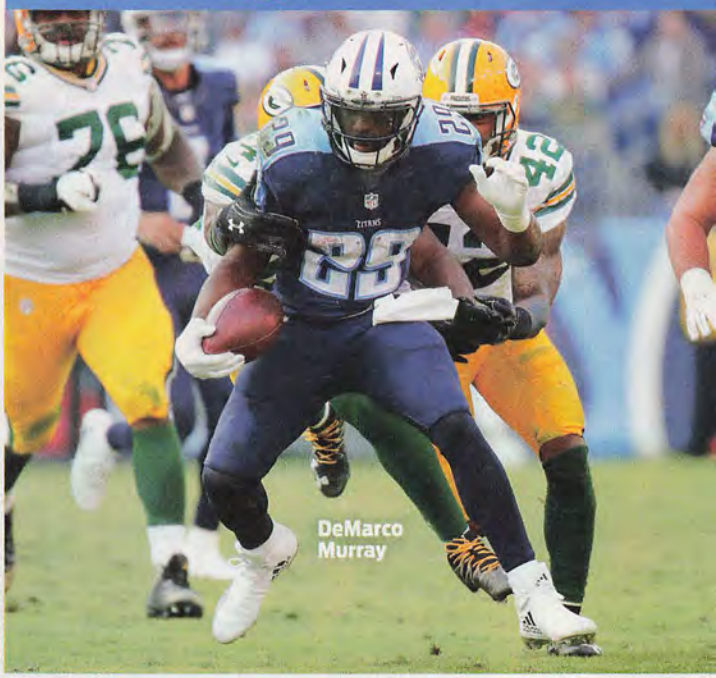
DEPTH CHART

QB	Ben Roethlisberger Landry Jones Joshua Dobbs (R) Nick Schuessler (R)
RB	Le'Veon Bell James Conner (R) Knile Davis Fitzgerald Toussaint
FB	Roosevelt Nix
WR1	Antonio Brown Darrius Heyward-Bey JuJu Smith-Schuster (R) Justin Hunter
WR2	Martavis Bryant Eli Rogers Sammie Coates Demarcus Ayers
TE	Jesse James David Johnson Ladarius Green Xavier Grimble
K	Chris Boswell

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	@ Cleveland	1:00 PM CBS
2	Sun, Sep 17	Minnesota	1:00 PM FOX
3	Sun, Sep 24	@ Chicago	1:00 PM CBS
4	Sun, Oct 1	@ Baltimore	1:00 PM CBS
5	Sun, Oct 8	Jacksonville	1:00 PM CBS
6	Sun, Oct 15	@ Kansas City	4:25 PM CBS
7	Sun, Oct 22	Cincinnati	1:00 PM CBS
8	Sun, Oct 29	@ Detroit	8:30 PM NBC
9	Bye Week		
10	Sun, Nov 12	@ Indianapolis	1:00 PM CBS
11	Thu, Nov 16	Tennessee	8:25 PM NBC
12	Sun, Nov 26	Green Bay	8:30 PM NBC
13	Mon, Dec 4	@ Cincinnati	8:30 PM ESPN
14	Sun, Dec 10	Baltimore	8:30 PM NBC
15	Sun, Dec 17	New England	4:25 PM CBS
16	Mon, Dec 25	@ Houston	4:30 PM NBC
17	Sun, Dec 31	Cleveland	1:00 PM CBS

TENNESSEE TITANS



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2016 RECORD **9-7**

DIVISION **AFC SOUTH**

HEAD COACH
Mike Mularkey
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Terry Robiskie
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Dick LeBeau

2017 DRAFT PICKS

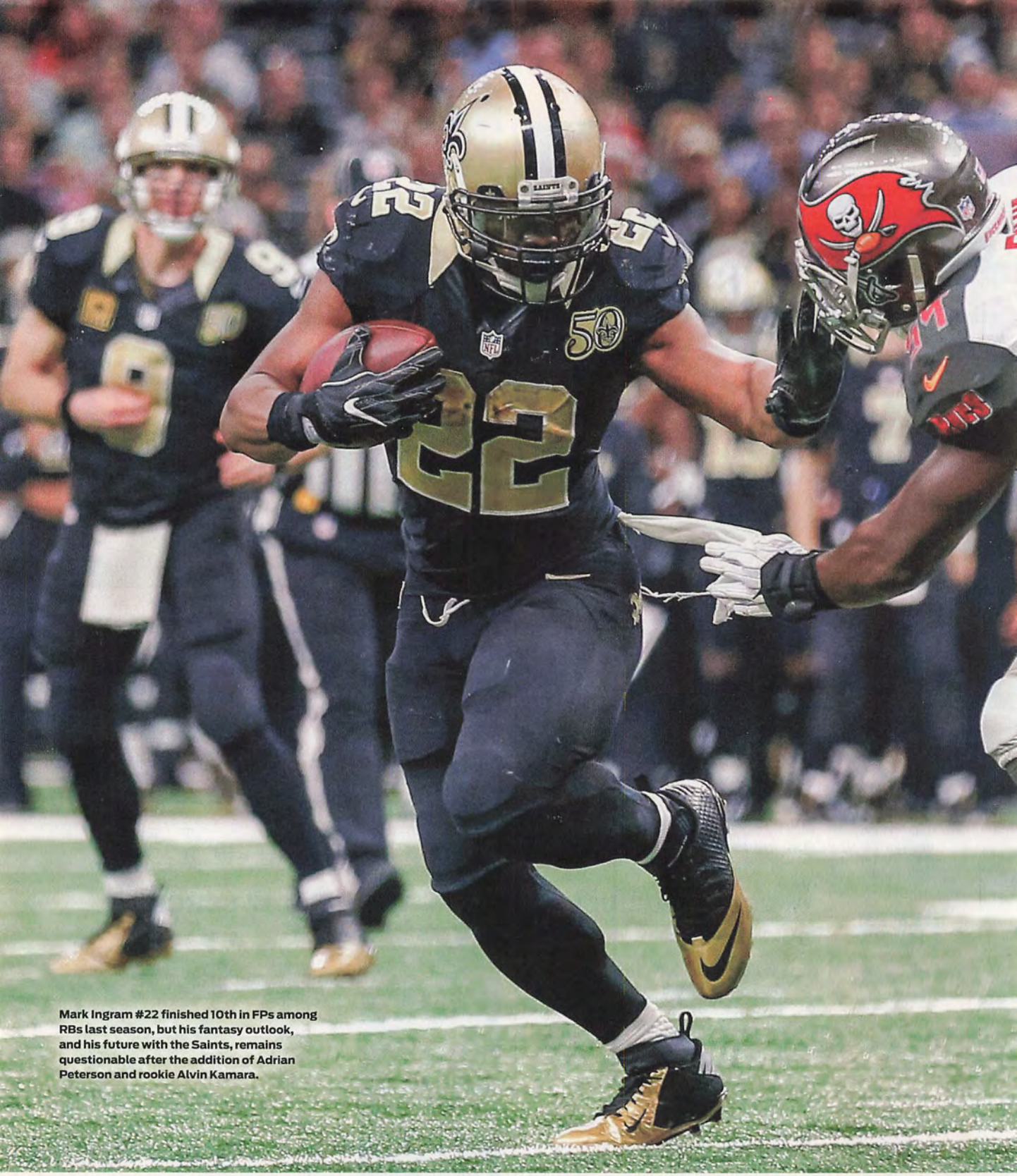
RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(5)	Corey Davis	WR	Western Michigan
1(18)	Adoree' Jackson	CB	USC
3(8)	Taywan Taylor	WR	Western Kentucky
3(36)	Jonnu Smith	TE	Florida International
5(11)	Jayon Brown	OLB	UCLA
6(34)	Corey Levin	OL	Chattanooga
7(9)	Josh Carraway	OLB	TCU
7(18)	Brad Seaton	OT	Villanova
7(23)	Khalfrani Muhammad	RB	California

DEPTH CHART

QB	Marcus Mariota Matt Cassel Alex Tanney Tyler Ferguson (R)
RB	DeMarco Murray Derrick Henry David Fluellen Khalfani Muhammad (R)
FB	Jalston Fowler
WR1	Rishard Matthews Harry Douglas Tre McBride Jonathan Krause
WR2	Tajae Sharpe Corey Davis (R) Eric Weems Taywan Taylor (R)
TE	Delanie Walker Jace Amaro Jonnu Smith (R) Phillip Supernaw
K	Ryan Succop

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	Oakland	1:00 PM CBS
2	Sun, Sep 17	@ Jacksonville	1:00 PM CBS
3	Sun, Sep 24	Seattle	4:05 PM FOX
4	Sun, Oct 1	@ Houston	1:00 PM CBS
5	Sun, Oct 8	@ Miami	1:00 PM CBS
6	Mon, Oct 16	Indianapolis	8:30 PM ESPN
7	Sun, Oct 22	@ Cleveland	1:00 PM CBS
8	Bye Week		
9	Sun, Nov 5	Baltimore	1:00 PM CBS
10	Sun, Nov 12	Cincinnati	1:00 PM FOX
11	Thu, Nov 16	@ Pittsburgh	8:25 PM NBC
12	Sun, Nov 26	@ Indianapolis	1:00 PM CBS
13	Sun, Dec 3	Houston	1:00 PM CBS
14	Sun, Dec 10	@ Arizona	4:05 PM CBS
15	Sun, Dec 17	@ San Francisco	4:25 PM CBS
16	Sun, Dec 24	Los Angeles Rams	1:00 PM FOX
17	Sun, Dec 31	Jacksonville	1:00 PM CBS



Mark Ingram #22 finished 10th in FPs among RBs last season, but his fantasy outlook, and his future with the Saints, remains questionable after the addition of Adrian Peterson and rookie Alvin Kamara.

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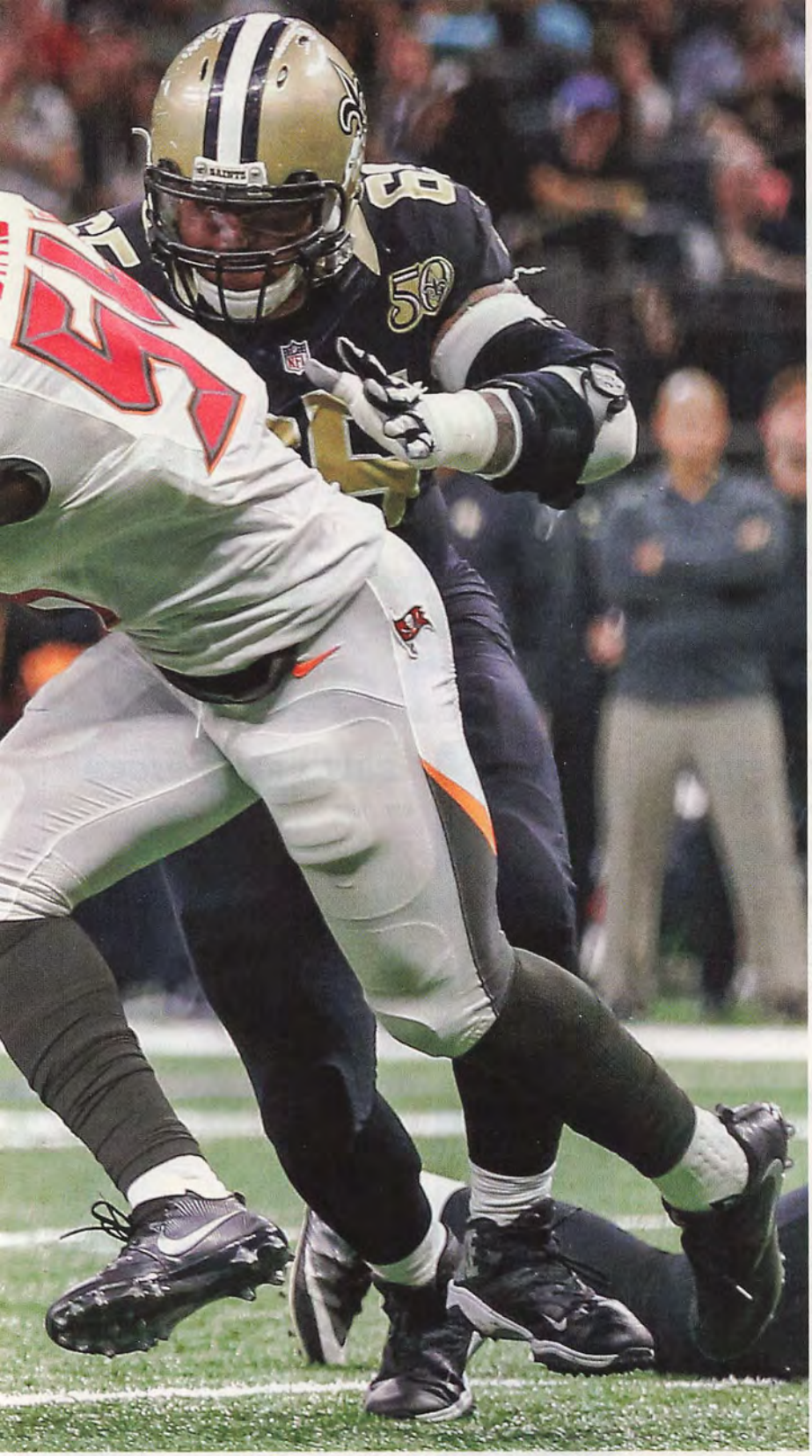

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ARIZONA CARDINALS P.50 ATLANTA FALCONS

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ARIZONA CARDINALS

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2016 RECORD **7-8-1**

DIVISION **NFC WEST**

HEAD COACH
Bruce Arians
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Harold Goodwin
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
James Bettcher

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(13)	Haason Reddick	ILB	Temple
2(4)	Budda Baker	S	Washington
3(34)	Chad Williams	WR	Grambling State
4(8)	Dorian Johnson	OG	Pittsburgh
5(13)	Will Holden	OT	Vanderbilt
5(36)	T.J. Logan	RB	North Carolina
6(24)	Rudy Ford	S	Auburn

DEPTH CHART

QB	Carson Palmer Drew Stanton Blaine Gabbert Trevor Knight (R)
RB	David Johnson Kerwynn Williams T.J. Logan (R) Elijhaa Penny
WR1	Larry Fitzgerald J.J. Nelson Aaron Dobson Carlton Agudosi (R)
WR2	John Brown Jaron Brown Chad Williams (R) Krishawn Hogan (R)
WR3	Brittan Golden Marquis Bundy Jeremy Ross
TE	Jermaine Gresham Hakeem Valles Troy Niklas Ifeanyi Momah
K	Phil Dawson

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	@ Detroit	1:00 PM FOX
2	Sun, Sep 17	@ Indianapolis	1:00 PM FOX
3	Mon, Sep 25	Dallas	8:30 PM ESPN
4	Sun, Oct 1	San Francisco	4:05 PM FOX
5	Sun, Oct 8	@ Philadelphia	1:00 PM FOX
6	Sun, Oct 15	Tampa Bay	4:05 PM FOX
7	Sun, Oct 22	@ Los Angeles Rams	1:00 PM FOX
8	Bye Week		
9	Sun, Nov 5	@ San Francisco	4:05 PM FOX
10	Thu, Nov 9	Seattle	8:25 PM NBC
11	Sun, Nov 19	@ Houston	1:00 PM FOX
12	Sun, Nov 26	Jacksonville	4:25 PM CBS
13	Sun, Dec 3	Los Angeles Rams	4:25 PM FOX
14	Sun, Dec 10	Tennessee	4:05 PM CBS
15	Sun, Dec 17	@ Washington	1:00 PM FOX
16	Sun, Dec 24	New York Giants	4:25 PM FOX
17	Sun, Dec 31	@ Seattle	4:25 PM FOX

ATLANTA FALCONS

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2016 RECORD **11-5**

DIVISION **NFC SOUTH**

HEAD COACH
Dan Quinn
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Steve Sarkisian
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Marquand Manuel

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(26)	Takkarist McKinley	DE	UCLA
3(11)	Duke Riley	ILB	LSU
4(30)	Sean Harlow	C	Oregon State
5(5)	Damontae Kazee	CB	San Diego State
5(12)	Brian Hill	RB	Wyoming
5(31)	Eric Saubert	TE	Drake

DEPTH CHART

QB	Matt Ryan Matt Schaub Alek Torgersen (R) Matt Simms
RB	Devonta Freeman Tevin Coleman Brian Hill (R) Terron Ward
FB	Derrick Coleman Soma Vainuku Tyler Renew (R)
WR1	Julio Jones Justin Hardy Andre Roberts Nick Williams
WR2	Mohamed Sanu Taylor Gabriel Devin Fuller Anthony Dable
TE	Austin Hooper Levine Toilolo Eric Saubert (R) Joshua Perkins
K	Matt Bryant Mike Meyer

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	@ Chicago	1:00 PM FOX
2	Sun, Sep 17	Green Bay	8:30 PM NBC
3	Sun, Sep 24	@ Detroit	1:00 PM FOX
4	Sun, Oct 1	Buffalo	1:00 PM CBS
5	Bye Week		
6	Sun, Oct 15	Miami	1:00 PM CBS
7	Sun, Oct 22	@ New England	8:30 PM NBC
8	Sun, Oct 29	@ New York Jets	1:00 PM FOX
9	Sun, Nov 5	@ Carolina	1:00 PM FOX
10	Sun, Nov 12	Dallas	4:25 PM FOX
11	Mon, Nov 20	@ Seattle	8:30 PM ESPN
12	Sun, Nov 26	Tampa Bay	1:00 PM FOX
13	Sun, Dec 3	Minnesota	1:00 PM FOX
14	Thu, Dec 7	New Orleans	8:25 PM NBC
15	Mon, Dec 18	@ Tampa Bay	8:30 PM ESPN
16	Sun, Dec 24	@ New Orleans	1:00 PM FOX
17	Sun, Dec 31	Carolina	1:00 PM FOX

CAROLINA PANTHERS

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2016 RECORD
6-10

DIVISION
NFC SOUTH

HEAD COACH
Ron Rivera
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Mike Shula
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Steve Wilks

DEPTH CHART

QB	Cam Newton Derek Anderson Garrett Gilbert Joe Webb
RB	Jonathan Stewart Christian McCaffrey (R) Fozzy Whittaker Cameron Artis-Payne
FB	Darrel Young Alex Armah (R)
WR1	Kelvin Benjamin Curtis Samuel (R) Brenton Bersin Russell Shepard
WR2	Devin Funchess Charles Johnson Damiere Byrd Fred Ross (R)
TE	Greg Olsen Ed Dickson Chris Manhertz Scott Simonson
K	Graham Gano

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(8)	Christian McCaffrey	RB	Stanford
2(8)	Curtis Samuel	WR	Ohio State
2(32)	Taylor Moton	OG	Western Michigan
3(13)	Daeshon Hall	DE	Texas A&M
5(8)	Corn Elder	CB	Miami (FL)
6(8)	Alexander Armah	FB	West Georgia
7(15)	Harrison Butker	PK	Georgia Tech

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	@ San Francisco	4:25 PM FOX
2	Sun, Sep 17	Buffalo	1:00 PM CBS
3	Sun, Sep 24	New Orleans	1:00 PM FOX
4	Sun, Oct 1	@ New England	1:00 PM FOX
5	Sun, Oct 8	@ Detroit	1:00 PM FOX
6	Thu, Oct 12	Philadelphia	8:25 PM CBS
7	Sun, Oct 22	@ Chicago	1:00 PM FOX
8	Sun, Oct 29	@ Tampa Bay	1:00 PM FOX
9	Sun, Nov 5	Atlanta	1:00 PM FOX
10	Mon, Nov 13	Miami	8:30 PM ESPN
11	Bye Week		
12	Sun, Nov 26	@ New York Jets	1:00 PM FOX
13	Sun, Dec 3	@ New Orleans	1:00 PM FOX
14	Sun, Dec 10	Minnesota	1:00 PM CBS
15	Sun, Dec 17	Green Bay	1:00 PM FOX
16	Sun, Dec 24	Tampa Bay	1:00 PM FOX
17	Sun, Dec 31	@ Atlanta	1:00 PM FOX

CHICAGO BEARS

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2016 RECORD
3-13

DIVISION
NFC NORTH

HEAD COACH
John Fox
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Dowell Loggains
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Vic Fangio

DEPTH CHART

QB	Mike Glennon Mitchell Trubisky (R) Mark Sanchez Connor Shaw
RB	Jordan Howard Jeremy Langford Tarik Cohen (R) Benny Cunningham
FB	Freddie Stevenson (R)
WR1	Kevin White Markus Wheaton Rueben Randle Daniel Braverman
WR2	Cameron Meredith Kendall Wright Deonte Thompson Josh Bellamy
TE	Zach Miller Dion Sims Adam Shaheen (R) Ben Braunecker
K	Connor Barth

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(2)	Mitchell Trubisky	QB	North Carolina
2(13)	Adam Shaheen	TE	Ashland
4(5)	Eddie Jackson	S	Alabama
4(13)	Tarik Cohen	RB	North Carolina A&T
5(3)	Jordan Morgan	OG	Kutztown

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	Atlanta	1:00 PM FOX
2	Sun, Sep 17	@ Tampa Bay	1:00 PM FOX
3	Sun, Sep 24	Pittsburgh	1:00 PM CBS
4	Thu, Sep 28	@ Green Bay	8:25 PM CBS
5	Mon, Oct 9	Minnesota	8:30 PM ESPN
6	Sun, Oct 15	@ Baltimore	1:00 PM FOX
7	Sun, Oct 22	Carolina	1:00 PM FOX
8	Sun, Oct 29	@ New Orleans	1:00 PM FOX
9	Bye Week		
10	Sun, Nov 12	Green Bay	1:00 PM FOX
11	Sun, Nov 19	Detroit	1:00 PM FOX
12	Sun, Nov 26	@ Philadelphia	1:00 PM FOX
13	Sun, Dec 3	San Francisco	1:00 PM CBS
14	Sun, Dec 10	@ Cincinnati	1:00 PM FOX
15	Sat, Dec 16	@ Detroit	4:30 PM NFLN
16	Sun, Dec 24	Cleveland	1:00 PM CBS
17	Sun, Dec 31	@ Minnesota	1:00 PM FOX

DALLAS COWBOYS

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2016 RECORD **13-3**

DIVISION **NFC EAST**

HEAD COACH
Jason Garrett
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Scott Linehan
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Rod Marinelli

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(28)	Taco Charlton	DE	Michigan
2(28)	Chidobe Awuzie	CB	Colorado
3(28)	Jourdan Lewis	CB	Michigan
4(27)	Ryan Switzer	WR	North Carolina
6(7)	Xavier Woods	S	Louisiana Tech
6(33)	Marquez White	CB	Florida State
7(10)	Joey Ivie	DT	Florida
7(21)	Noah Brown	WR	Ohio State
7(28)	Jordan Carrell	DT	Colorado

DEPTH CHART

QB	Dak Prescott Kellen Moore Austin Appleby (R) Cooper Rush (R)
RB	Ezekiel Elliott Darren McFadden Alfred Morris Jahad Thomas (R)
FB	Keith Smith
WR1	Dez Bryant Cole Beasley Lucky Whitehead EZ Nwachukwu
WR2	Terrance Williams Ryan Switzer (R) Brice Butler Andy Jones
TE	Jason Witten Geoff Swaim Rico Gathers Connor Hamlett
K	Dan Bailey

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	New York Giants	8:30 PM NBC
2	Sun, Sep 17	@ Denver	4:25 PM FOX
3	Mon, Sep 25	@ Arizona	8:30 PM ESPN
4	Sun, Oct 1	Los Angeles Rams	1:00 PM FOX
5	Sun, Oct 8	Green Bay	4:25 PM FOX
6	Bye Week		
7	Sun, Oct 22	@ San Francisco	4:05 PM FOX
8	Sun, Oct 29	@ Washington	4:25 PM FOX
9	Sun, Nov 5	Kansas City	4:25 PM CBS
10	Sun, Nov 12	@ Atlanta	4:25 PM FOX
11	Sun, Nov 19	Philadelphia	8:30 PM NBC
12	Thu, Nov 23	Los Angeles Chargers	4:30 PM CBS
13	Thu, Nov 30	Washington	8:25 PM NBC
14	Sun, Dec 10	@ New York Giants	4:25 PM FOX
15	Sun, Dec 17	@ Oakland	8:30 PM NBC
16	Sun, Dec 24	Seattle	4:25 PM FOX
17	Sun, Dec 31	@ Philadelphia	1:00 PM FOX

DETROIT LIONS

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2016 RECORD **9-7**

DIVISION **NFC NORTH**

HEAD COACH
Jim Caldwell
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Jim Bob Cooter
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Teryl Austin

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(21)	Jarrad Davis	ILB	Florida
2(21)	Teez Tabor	CB	Florida
3(32)	Kenny Golladay	WR	Northern Illinois
4(18)	Jalen Reeves-Maybin	OLB	Tennessee
4(21)	Michael Roberts	TE	Toledo
5(21)	Jamal Agnew	CB	San Diego
6(21)	Jeremiah Ledbetter	DE	Arkansas
6(32)	Brad Kaaya	QB	Miami (FL)
7(32)	Pat O'Connor	DE	Eastern Michigan

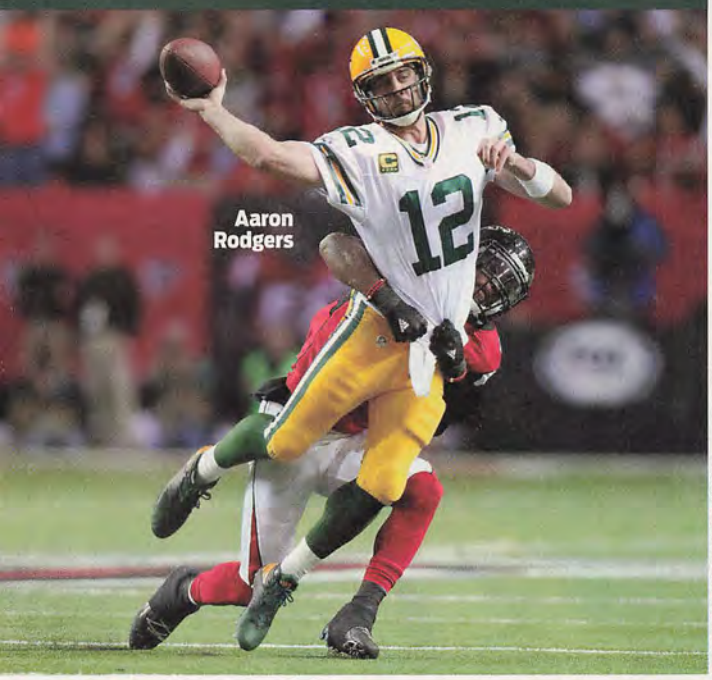
DEPTH CHART

QB	Matthew Stafford Jake Rudock Brad Kaaya (R)
RB	Ameer Abdullah Theo Riddick Zach Zenner Dwayne Washington
FB	Michael Burton Mike James
WR1	Golden Tate TJ Jones Keshawn Martin Jace Billingsley
WR2	Marvin Jones Jr. Kenny Golladay (R) Jared Abbrederis Ryan Spadola
TE	Eric Ebron Darren Fells Michael Roberts (R) Cole Wick
K	Matt Prater

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	Arizona	1:00 PM FOX
2	Mon, Sep 18	@ New York Giants	8:30 PM ESPN
3	Sun, Sep 24	Atlanta	1:00 PM FOX
4	Sun, Oct 1	@ Minnesota	1:00 PM FOX
5	Sun, Oct 8	Carolina	1:00 PM FOX
6	Sun, Oct 15	@ New Orleans	1:00 PM FOX
7	Bye Week		
8	Sun, Oct 29	Pittsburgh	8:30 PM NBC
9	Mon, Nov 6	@ Green Bay	8:30 PM ESPN
10	Sun, Nov 12	Cleveland	1:00 PM CBS
11	Sun, Nov 19	@ Chicago	1:00 PM FOX
12	Thu, Nov 23	Minnesota	12:30 PM FOX
13	Sun, Dec 3	@ Baltimore	1:00 PM FOX
14	Sun, Dec 10	@ Tampa Bay	1:00 PM FOX
15	Sat, Dec 16	Chicago	4:30 PM NFLN
16	Sun, Dec 24	@ Cincinnati	1:00 PM FOX
17	Sun, Dec 31	Green Bay	1:00 PM FOX

GREEN BAY PACKERS



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2016 RECORD **10-6**

DIVISION **NFC NORTH**

HEAD COACH
Mike McCarthy
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Edgar Bennett
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Dom Capers

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
2(1)	Kevin King	CB	Washington
2(29)	Josh Jones	S	North Carolina State
3(29)	Montravius Adams	DT	Auburn
4(1)	Vince Biegel	OLB	Wisconsin
4(28)	Jamaal Williams	RB	BYU
5(32)	Deangelo Yancey	WR	Purdue
5(39)	Aaron Jones	RB	UTEP
6(29)	Kofi Amichia	C	South Florida
7(20)	Devante Mays	RB	Utah State
7(29)	Malachi Dupre	WR	LSU

DEPTH CHART

QB	Aaron Rodgers Brett Hundley Joe Callahan Taysom Hill (R)
RB	Ty Montgomery Jamaal Williams (R) Aaron Jones (R) Devante Mays (R)
FB	Aaron Ripkowski Joe Kerridge
WR1	Jordy Nelson Davante Adams Jeff Janis Max McCaffrey
WR2	Randall Cobb Geronimo Allison Trevor Davis Malachi Dupre (R)
TE	Martellius Bennett Richard Rodgers Lance Kendricks Beau Sandland
K	Mason Crosby

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	Seattle	4:25 PM FOX
2	Sun, Sep 17	@ Atlanta	8:30 PM NBC
3	Sun, Sep 24	Cincinnati	4:25 PM CBS
4	Thu, Sep 28	Chicago	8:25 PM CBS
5	Sun, Oct 8	@ Dallas	4:25 PM FOX
6	Sun, Oct 15	@ Minnesota	1:00 PM FOX
7	Sun, Oct 22	New Orleans	1:00 PM FOX
8	Bye Week		
9	Mon, Nov 6	Detroit	8:30 PM ESPN
10	Sun, Nov 12	@ Chicago	1:00 PM FOX
11	Sun, Nov 19	Baltimore	1:00 PM CBS
12	Sun, Nov 26	@ Pittsburgh	8:30 PM NBC
13	Sun, Dec 3	Tampa Bay	1:00 PM FOX
14	Sun, Dec 10	@ Cleveland	1:00 PM FOX
15	Sun, Dec 17	@ Carolina	1:00 PM FOX
16	Sat, Dec 23	Minnesota	8:30 PM NBC
17	Sun, Dec 31	@ Detroit	1:00 PM FOX

LOS ANGELES RAMS

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2016 RECORD **4-12**

DIVISION **NFC WEST**

HEAD COACH
Sean McVay
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Matt LaFleur
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Wade Phillips

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
2(12)	Gerald Everett	TE	South Alabama
3(5)	Cooper Kupp	WR	Eastern Washington
3(27)	John Johnson	S	Boston College
4(10)	Josh Reynolds	WR	Texas A&M
4(19)	Samson Ebukam	OLB	Eastern Washington
6(5)	Tanzel Smart	DT	Tulane
6(22)	Sam Rogers	FB	Virginia Tech
7(16)	Ejuan Price	DE	Pittsburgh

DEPTH CHART

QB	Jared Goff Sean Mannion
RB	Todd Gurley Malcolm Brown Lance Dunbar Zach Laskey
FB	Sam Rogers (R)
WR1	Robert Woods Bradley Marquez Pharoh Cooper Josh Reynolds (R)
WR2	Tavon Austin Mike Thomas Cooper Kupp (R) Nelson Spruce
TE	Temarrick Hemingway Tyler Higbee Gerald Everett (R) Cory Harkey
K	Greg Zuerlein

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	Indianapolis	4:05 PM CBS
2	Sun, Sep 17	Washington	4:25 PM FOX
3	Thu, Sep 21	@ San Francisco	8:25 PM NFL
4	Sun, Oct 1	@ Dallas	1:00 PM FOX
5	Sun, Oct 8	Seattle	4:05 PM CBS
6	Sun, Oct 15	@ Jacksonville	4:05 PM FOX
7	Sun, Oct 22	Arizona	1:00 PM FOX
8	Bye Week		
9	Sun, Nov 5	@ New York Giants	1:00 PM FOX
10	Sun, Nov 12	Houston	4:05 PM CBS
11	Sun, Nov 19	@ Minnesota	1:00 PM FOX
12	Sun, Nov 26	New Orleans	4:05 PM FOX
13	Sun, Dec 3	@ Arizona	4:25 PM FOX
14	Sun, Dec 10	Philadelphia	4:25 PM FOX
15	Sun, Dec 17	@ Seattle	4:05 PM FOX
16	Sun, Dec 24	@ Tennessee	1:00 PM FOX
17	Sun, Dec 31	San Francisco	4:25 PM FOX

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

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2016 RECORD **8-8**

DIVISION **NFC NORTH**

HEAD COACH
Mike Zimmer
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Pat Shurmur
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
George Edwards

DEPTH CHART

QB	Sam Bradford Case Keenum Taylor Heinicke Teddy Bridgewater
RB	Latavius Murray Dalvin Cook (R) Jerick McKinnon Bishop Sankey
FB	C.J. Ham
WR1	Stefon Diggs Laquon Treadwell Jarius Wright Stacy Coley (R)
WR2	Adam Thielen Michael Floyd Rodney Adams (R) Isaac Fruechte
TE	Kyle Rudolph David Morgan Bucky Hodges (R) Kyle Carter
K	Kai Forbath

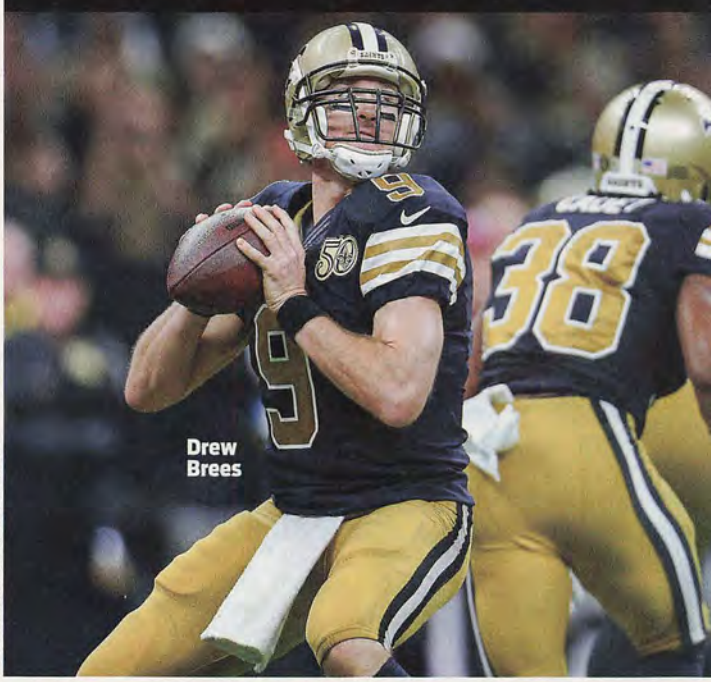
2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
2(9)	Dalvin Cook	RB	Florida State
3(6)	Pat Elflein	C	Ohio State
4(2)	Jaleel Johnson	DT	Iowa
4(14)	Ben Gedeon	ILB	Michigan
5(27)	Rodney Adams	WR	South Florida
5(37)	Danny Isidora	OG	Miami (FL)
6(17)	Bucky Hodges	TE	Virginia Tech
7(1)	Stacy Coley	WR	Miami (FL)
7(2)	Ifeadi Odenigbo	DL	Northwestern
7(14)	Elijah Lee	OLB	Kansas State
7(27)	Jack Tocho	CB	North Carolina State

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Mon, Sep 11	New Orleans	7:10 PM ESPN
2	Sun, Sep 17	@ Pittsburgh	1:00 PM FOX
3	Sun, Sep 24	Tampa Bay	1:00 PM FOX
4	Sun, Oct 1	Detroit	1:00 PM FOX
5	Mon, Oct 9	@ Chicago	8:30 PM ESPN
6	Sun, Oct 15	Green Bay	1:00 PM FOX
7	Sun, Oct 22	Baltimore	1:00 PM CBS
8	Sun, Oct 29	@ Cleveland	9:30 AM NFL
9	Bye Week		
10	Sun, Nov 12	@ Washington	1:00 PM FOX
11	Sun, Nov 19	Los Angeles Rams	1:00 PM FOX
12	Thu, Nov 23	@ Detroit	12:30 PM FOX
13	Sun, Dec 3	@ Atlanta	1:00 PM FOX
14	Sun, Dec 10	@ Carolina	1:00 PM CBS
15	Sun, Dec 17	Cincinnati	1:00 PM CBS
16	Sat, Dec 23	@ Green Bay	8:30 PM NBC
17	Sun, Dec 31	Chicago	1:00 PM FOX

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS



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2016 RECORD **7-9**

DIVISION **NFC SOUTH**

HEAD COACH
Sean Payton
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Pete Carmichael
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Dennis Allen

DEPTH CHART

QB	Drew Brees Garrett Grayson Chase Daniel
RB	Mark Ingram Adrian Peterson Alvin Kamara (R) Travaris Cadet
FB	John Kuhn
WR1	Michael Thomas Brandon Coleman Tommylee Lewis Corey Fuller
WR2	Ted Ginn Jr. Willie Snead Jake Lampman Jordan Williams-Lambert
TE	Coby Fleener Josh Hill Michael Hoomanawanui Clay Harbor
K	Wil Lutz

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(11)	Marshon Lattimore	CB	Ohio State
1(32)	Ryan Ramczyk	OT	Wisconsin
2(10)	Marcus Williams	S	Utah
3(3)	Alvin Kamara	RB	Tennessee
3(12)	Alex Anzalone	ILB	Florida
3(39)	Trey Hendrickson	OLB	Florida Atlantic
6(12)	Al-Quadin Muhammad	DE	Miami (FL)

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Mon, Sep 11	@ Minnesota	7:10 PM ESPN
2	Sun, Sep 17	New England	1:00 PM CBS
3	Sun, Sep 24	@ Carolina	1:00 PM FOX
4	Sun, Oct 1	@ Miami	9:30 AM FOX
5	Bye Week		
6	Sun, Oct 15	Detroit	1:00 PM FOX
7	Sun, Oct 22	@ Green Bay	1:00 PM FOX
8	Sun, Oct 29	Chicago	1:00 PM FOX
9	Sun, Nov 5	Tampa Bay	1:00 PM FOX
10	Sun, Nov 12	@ Buffalo	1:00 PM FOX
11	Sun, Nov 19	Washington	1:00 PM FOX
12	Sun, Nov 26	@ Los Angeles Rams	4:05 PM FOX
13	Sun, Dec 3	Carolina	1:00 PM FOX
14	Thu, Dec 7	@ Atlanta	8:25 PM NBC
15	Sun, Dec 17	New York Jets	1:00 PM CBS
16	Sun, Dec 24	Atlanta	1:00 PM FOX
17	Sun, Dec 31	@ Tampa Bay	1:00 PM FOX

NEW YORK GIANTS

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2016 RECORD **11-5**

DIVISION **NFC EAST**

HEAD COACH
Ben McAdoo
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Mike Sullivan
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Steve Spagnuolo

DEPTH CHART

QB	Eli Manning Geno Smith Davis Webb (R) Josh Johnson
RB	Paul Perkins Shane Vereen Wayne Gallman (R) Shaun Draughn
FB	Rhett Ellison
WR1	Odell Beckham Jr. Roger Lewis Darius Powe Dwayne Harris
WR2	Brandon Marshall Sterling Shepard Tavarres King Kevin Norwood
TE	Evan Engram (R) Will Tye Jerell Adams Matt LaCosse
K	Aldrick Rosas

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(23)	Evan Engram	TE	Ole Miss
2(23)	Dalvin Tomlinson	DT	Alabama
3(23)	Davis Webb	QB	California
4(34)	Wayne Gallman	RB	Clemson
5(23)	Avery Moss	DE	Youngstown State
6(16)	Adam Bisnowaty	OT	Pittsburgh

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	@ Dallas	8:30 PM NBC
2	Mon, Sep 18	Detroit	8:30 PM ESPN
3	Sun, Sep 24	@ Philadelphia	1:00 PM FOX
4	Sun, Oct 1	@ Tampa Bay	4:05 PM FOX
5	Sun, Oct 8	Los Angeles Chargers	1:00 PM CBS
6	Sun, Oct 15	@ Denver	8:30 PM NBC
7	Sun, Oct 22	Seattle	4:25 PM CBS
8	Bye Week		
9	Sun, Nov 5	Los Angeles Rams	1:00 PM FOX
10	Sun, Nov 12	@ San Francisco	4:25 PM FOX
11	Sun, Nov 19	Kansas City	1:00 PM CBS
12	Thu, Nov 23	@ Washington	8:30 PM NBC
13	Sun, Dec 3	@ Oakland	4:25 PM FOX
14	Sun, Dec 10	Dallas	4:25 PM FOX
15	Sun, Dec 17	Philadelphia	1:00 PM FOX
16	Sun, Dec 24	@ Arizona	4:25 PM FOX
17	Sun, Dec 31	Washington	1:00 PM FOX

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

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2016 RECORD **7-9**

DIVISION **NFC EAST**

HEAD COACH
Doug Pederson
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Frank Reich
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Jim Schwartz

DEPTH CHART

QB	Carson Wentz Nick Foles Matt McGloin
RB	Ryan Mathews Darren Sproles Donnel Pumphrey (R) Wendell Smallwood
WR1	Alshon Jeffery Dorial Green-Beckham Mack Hollins (R) Shelton Gibson (R)
WR2	Torrey Smith Bryce Treggs David Watford Marcus Johnson
WR3	Jordan Matthews Nelson Agholor Paul Turner Billy Brown (R)
TE	Zach Ertz Brent Celek Trey Burton Anthony Denham
K	Caleb Sturgis

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD(PK)	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(14)	Derek Barnett	DE	Tennessee
2(11)	Sidney Jones	CB	Washington
3(35)	Rasul Douglas	CB	West Virginia
4(12)	Mack Hollins	WR	North Carolina
4(26)	Donnel Pumphrey	RB	San Diego State
5(22)	Shelton Gibson	WR	West Virginia
5(41)	Nathan Gerry	S	Nebraska
6(31)	Elijah Qualls	DT	Washington

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	@ Washington	1:00 PM FOX
2	Sun, Sep 17	@ Kansas City	1:00 PM FOX
3	Sun, Sep 24	New York Giants	1:00 PM FOX
4	Sun, Oct 1	@ Los Angeles Chargers	4:05 PM FOX
5	Sun, Oct 8	Arizona	1:00 PM FOX
6	Thu, Oct 12	@ Carolina	8:25 PM CBS
7	Mon, Oct 23	Washington	8:30 PM ESPN
8	Sun, Oct 29	San Francisco	1:00 PM FOX
9	Sun, Nov 5	Denver	1:00 PM CBS
10	Bye Week		
11	Sun, Nov 19	@ Dallas	8:30 PM NBC
12	Sun, Nov 26	Chicago	1:00 PM FOX
13	Sun, Dec 3	@ Seattle	8:30 PM NBC
14	Sun, Dec 10	@ Los Angeles Rams	4:25 PM FOX
15	Sun, Dec 17	@ New York Giants	1:00 PM FOX
16	Mon, Dec 25	Oakland	8:30 PM ESPN
17	Sun, Dec 31	Dallas	1:00 PM FOX

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

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2016 RECORD
2-14

DIVISION
NFC WEST

HEAD COACH/ OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR - Kyle Shanahan
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR Robert Saleh

DEPTH CHART

QB	Brian Hoyer Matt Barkley C.J. Beathard (R) Nick Mullens (R)
RB	Carlos Hyde Tim Hightower Joe Williams (R) Kapri Bibbs
FB	Kyle Juszczyk Tyler McCloskey (R)
WR1	Pierre Garçon Jeremy Kerley DeAndre Smelter Aldrick Robinson
WR2	Marquise Goodwin Bruce Ellington Trent Taylor (R) DeAndre Carter
TE	Vance McDonald Garrett Celek Blake Bell George Kittle (R)
K	Robbie Gould

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(3)	Solomon Thomas	DE	Stanford
1(31)	Reuben Foster	LB	Alabama
3(2)	Ahkello Witherspoon	CB	Colorado
3(40)	C.J. Beathard	QB	Iowa
4(15)	Joe Williams	RB	Utah
5(2)	George Kittle	TE	Iowa
5(34)	Trent Taylor	WR	Louisiana Tech
6(14)	D.J. Jones	DT	Ole Miss
6(18)	Pita Taumoepenu	OLB	Utah
7(11)	Adrian Colbert	DB	Miami (FL)

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	Carolina	4:25 PM FOX
2	Sun, Sep 17	@ Seattle	4:25 PM FOX
3	Thu, Sep 21	Los Angeles Rams	8:25 PM NFL
4	Sun, Oct 1	@ Arizona	4:05 PM FOX
5	Sun, Oct 8	@ Indianapolis	1:00 PM FOX
6	Sun, Oct 15	@ Washington	1:00 PM FOX
7	Sun, Oct 22	Dallas	4:05 PM FOX
8	Sun, Oct 29	@ Philadelphia	1:00 PM FOX
9	Sun, Nov 5	Arizona	4:05 PM FOX
10	Sun, Nov 12	New York Giants	4:25 PM FOX
11	Bye Week		
12	Sun, Nov 26	Seattle	4:05 PM FOX
13	Sun, Dec 3	@ Chicago	1:00 PM CBS
14	Sun, Dec 10	@ Houston	1:00 PM FOX
15	Sun, Dec 17	Tennessee	4:25 PM CBS
16	Sun, Dec 24	Jacksonville	4:05 PM CBS
17	Sun, Dec 31	@ Los Angeles Rams	4:25 PM FOX

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

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2016 RECORD
10-5-1

DIVISION
NFC WEST

HEAD COACH Pete Carroll
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR Darrell Bevell
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR Kris Richard

DEPTH CHART

QB	Russell Wilson Trevone Boykin Jake Heaps
RB	Eddie Lacy Thomas Rawls C.J. Prosise Alex Collins
FB	Algernon Brown (R)
WR1	Doug Baldwin Tyler Lockett Amara Darboh (R) Kenny Lawler
WR2	Jermaine Kearse Paul Richardson Tanner McEvoy Cyril Grayson (R)
TE	Jimmy Graham Luke Willson Nick Vannett Tyrone Swoopes (R)
K	Blair Walsh

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
2(3)	Malik McDowell	DT	Michigan State
2(26)	Ethan Pocic	C	LSU
3(26)	Shaquill Griffin	DB	UCF
3(31)	Delano Hill	SS	Michigan
3(38)	Nazair Jones	DT	North Carolina
3(42)	Amara Darboh	WR	Michigan
4(4)	Tedric Thompson	FS	Colorado
6(3)	Michael Tyson	S	Cincinnati
6(26)	Justin Senior	OT	Mississippi State
7(8)	David Moore	WR	East Central
7(31)	Christopher Carson	RB	Oklahoma State

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	@ Green Bay	4:25 PM FOX
2	Sun, Sep 17	San Francisco	4:25 PM FOX
3	Sun, Sep 24	@ Tennessee	4:05 PM FOX
4	Sun, Oct 1	Indianapolis	8:30 PM NBC
5	Sun, Oct 8	@ Los Angeles Rams	4:05 PM CBS
6	Bye Week		
7	Sun, Oct 22	@ New York Giants	4:25 PM CBS
8	Sun, Oct 29	Houston	4:05 PM CBS
9	Sun, Nov 5	Washington	4:05 PM FOX
10	Thu, Nov 9	@ Arizona	8:25 PM NBC NFL Amazon
11	Mon, Nov 20	Atlanta	8:30 PM ESPN
12	Sun, Nov 26	@ San Francisco	4:05 PM FOX
13	Sun, Dec 3	Philadelphia	8:30 PM NBC
14	Sun, Dec 10	@ Jacksonville	1:00 PM FOX
15	Sun, Dec 17	Los Angeles Rams	4:05 PM FOX
16	Sun, Dec 24	@ Dallas	4:25 PM FOX
17	Sun, Dec 31	Arizona	4:25 PM FOX

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

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2016 RECORD
9-7

DIVISION
NFC SOUTH

HEAD COACH
Dirk Koetter
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Todd Monken
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Mike Smith

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(19)	O.J. Howard	TE	Alabama
2(18)	Justin Evans	S	Texas A&M
3(20)	Chris Godwin	WR	Penn State
3(43)	Kendell Beckwith	ILB	LSU
5(18)	Jeremy McNichols	RB	Boise State
7(5)	Stevie Tu'ikolovatu	NT	USC

DEPTH CHART

QB	Jameis Winston Ryan Griffin Sean Renfree Sefo Liufau (R)
RB	Charles Sims Jacquizz Rodgers Jeremy McNichols (R) Doug Martin
FB	Alan Cross Quayvon Hicks
WR1	Mike Evans Adam Humphries Freddie Martino Donteea Dye
WR2	DeSean Jackson Chris Godwin (R) Bernard Reedy Derel Walker
TE	Cameron Brate O.J. Howard (R) Luke Stocker Tevin Westbrook
K	Roberto Aguayo Nick Folk

2017 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 10	@ Miami	1:00 PM FOX
2	Sun, Sep 17	Chicago	1:00 PM FOX
3	Sun, Sep 24	@ Minnesota	1:00 PM FOX
4	Sun, Oct 1	New York Giants	4:05 PM FOX
5	Thu, Oct 5	New England	8:25 PM CBS NFL Amazon
6	Sun, Oct 15	@ Arizona	4:05 PM FOX
7	Sun, Oct 22	@ Buffalo	1:00 PM FOX
8	Sun, Oct 29	Carolina	1:00 PM FOX
9	Sun, Nov 5	@ New Orleans	1:00 PM FOX
10	Sun, Nov 12	New York Jets	1:00 PM CBS
11	Bye Week		
12	Sun, Nov 26	@ Atlanta	1:00 PM FOX
13	Sun, Dec 3	@ Green Bay	1:00 PM FOX
14	Sun, Dec 10	Detroit	1:00 PM FOX
15	Mon, Dec 18	Atlanta	8:30 PM ESPN
16	Sun, Dec 24	@ Carolina	1:00 PM FOX
17	Sun, Dec 31	New Orleans	1:00 PM FOX

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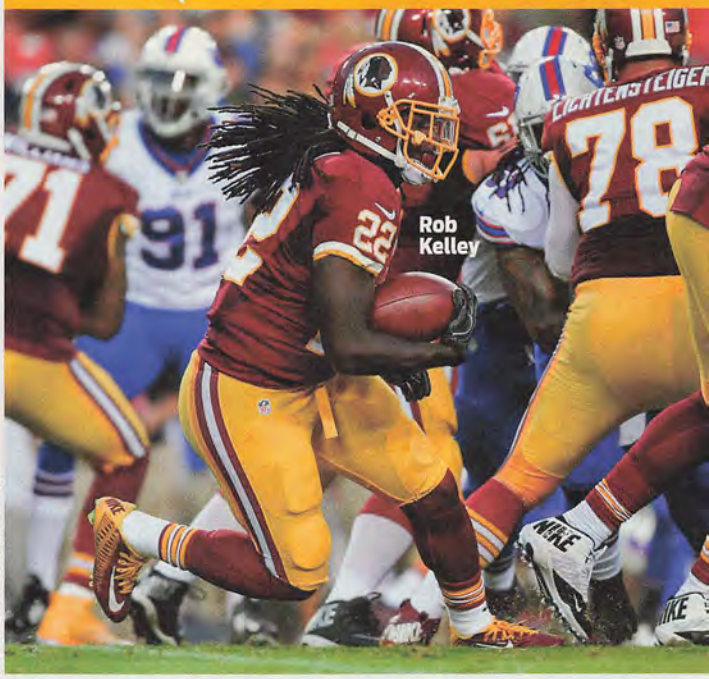

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2016 RECORD
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DIVISION
NFC EAST

HEAD COACH
Jay Gruden
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Matt Cavanaugh
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
Greg Manusky

2017 DRAFT PICKS

RD/PK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
1(17)	Jonathan Allen	DE	Alabama
2(17)	Ryan Anderson	OLB	Alabama
3(17)	Fabian Moreau	CB	UCLA
4(7)	Samaje Perine	RB	Oklahoma
4(17)	Montae Nicholson	S	Michigan State
5(10)	Jeremy Sprinkle	TE	Arkansas
6(15)	Chase Roullier	C	Wyoming
6(25)	Robert Davis	WR	Georgia State
7(12)	Josh Harvey-Clemons	S	Louisville
7(17)	Josh Holsey	CB	Auburn

DEPTH CHART

QB	Kirk Cousins Colt McCoy Nate Sudfeld
RB	Rob Kelley Chris Thompson Samaje Perine (R) Matt Jones
WR1	Terrelle Pryor Sr. Josh Doctson Ryan Grant Robert Davis (R)
WR2	Jamison Crowder Brian Quick Maurice Harris Zach Pascal (R)
TE	Jordan Reed Niles Paul Jeremy Sprinkle (R)
TE2	Vernon Davis Derek Carrier Manasseh Garner
K	Dustin Hopkins

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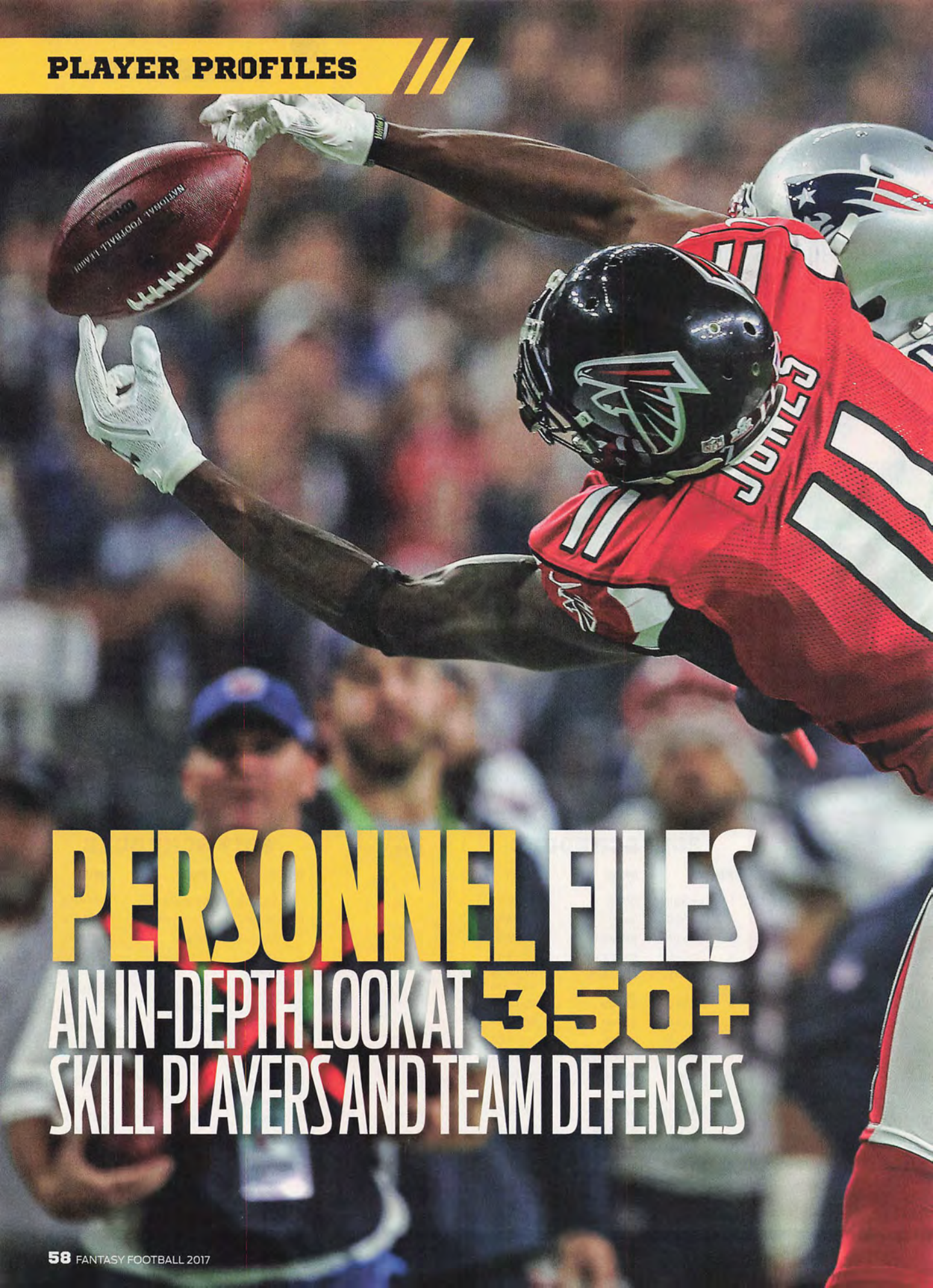

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Julio Jones (#11) not only made this improbable catch in Super Bowl 51, he also managed to somehow keep his feet inbounds. Jones looks to have another big fantasy receiving year in 2017.

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QUARTERBACKS

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1. TOM BRADY (NE, 40)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: With seven top-12 (QB1) weeks from Week 5-16 (11 games), Brady continued to show he is an elite fantasy quarterback with an uncanny ability to elevate his surrounding talent. Despite missing the first four games of the season to suspension, he threw for 12 TDs and 0 INTs and averaged 29.6 FPG (2nd at QB) in his first four games back. Brady took a hit in Week 12 with **Rob Gronkowski** (back) going down for the year, and he averaged just 21.6 FPG (11th at QB) in Weeks 13-17. He also came up small in the fantasy playoffs in Week 15, throwing for just 188 yards and 0 TDs against a stingy Broncos secondary. As a whole though, Brady played as well as ever in his 17th season at 39 years old. He completed 291/432 passes (67.4%) for 3,554 yards (8.2 YPA), 28 TDs and 2 INTs in 12 games. Brady averaged 24.7 FPG, ranking 5th at the position behind **Matt Ryan**. Brady averaged an impressive .69 fantasy points per pass attempt—the league average was .53. He was one of just four QBs who averaged 7.5+ YPA with an interception rate of 1.4% or below. The others were Ryan (9.3/1.3), **Andy Dalton** (7.5/1.4), and **Dak Prescott** (8.0/0.9). Brady's 6.5% touchdown rate was a six-year high while his 9.30 adjusted YPA was the second best mark of his career, trailing only his historic 2007 season (9.4 adj. YPA). It's remarkable that Brady posted a career-best 0.5% interception rate in his age-39 season without **Rob Gronkowski** for more than half of a season. In fact, Brady's interception rate has improved every year since 2013. As well as he's aged, Brady may very well be the greatest passer (or player) of all time.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Patriots are setting up to be a fantasy nightmare this year due to unusual depth at all the skill positions, but it's all good for Brady. The team lost some multiplicity with **Martellus Bennett** leaving, but they should make up for that with **Brandin Cooks**, whose straight-line speed and short-area quickness should seriously challenge defenses both vertically and horizontally. They've also added TE **Dwayne Allen**, who's not quite as versatile as Bennett, but he can do a lot of things Bennett did. Brady just won the Super Bowl without Cooks and **Rob Gronkowksi**, and with weapons like **Julian Edelman**, **Malcom Mitchell**, **Chris Hogan,** and versatile RBs **Dion Lewis**, **Rex Burkhead,** and **James White** at his disposal, it's a sickening collection of matchup pieces for innovative OC **Josh McDaniels** and for arguably the most cerebral QB in the history of the game. Considering his high level of play, durability, excellent support from their coaching staff, and an embarrassment of riches at the skill positions, Brady has a legitimate chance to throw 50 TD passes this year, especially if they move to being more pass-heavy in 2017 (which their offseason moves indicate they are).

2. AARON RODGERS (GB, 33)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: 2016 did not start red-hot for Rodgers. In fact, he opened up the season with very pedestrian fantasy results in his first five games: QB7, QB17, QB3, QB14, and QB18. With just two top-12 (QB1) scoring weeks in the Packers' opening five starts, Rodgers looked like he was on the verge of a down year. Then a light came on. From Weeks 7-16, Rodgers finished as a top-12 (QB1) passer nine times in 10 games as Green Bay categorically changed their offense to more short passing and fewer non-progressive route trees. He had an eight-game stretch without an interception from Week 11 through the Wild Card Round, and he had 18 TDs to 0 INTs in his final seven regular season games. The only negative in that time was his TD-less performance in Week 15, which probably cost quite a few owners in the fantasy playoffs. Without a running game in 2016, HC **Mike McCarthy** put the entire offense on Rodgers' shoulders. The Packers had a 40.3% run rate through Week 5 with **Eddie Lacy** before dipping to 33.6% in Weeks 6-19 for a season long average of 35.3%. Rodgers didn't miss a beat with his pal **Jordy Nelson**, connecting for 14 TDs, and he developed chemistry with **Davante Adams** after his disastrous second season in 2015. Rodgers completed 401/610 passes (65.7%) for 4,428 yards (7.3 YPA), 40 TDs, and 7 INTs and adding 67/369/4 rushing in 16 games. He averaged 27.6 FPG, finishing as the top fantasy QB ahead of **Drew Brees**. Rodgers averaged a ridiculous .73 fantasy points per pass attempt—the league average was .53.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: An argument can be made for Rodgers as the #1 QB off the board this year (as he was for us last year), but we're giving Brady the edge due to the fact that he simply played better in 2016. Rodgers was out of his mind down the stretch, but there was a serious playground element to his play, which is hard to maintain. The Packer offense certainly needs more structure—perhaps that's why they drafted three running backs in the 2017 NFL Draft—but Rodgers continually showed he's the force to be reckoned with in 2016 when all else failed. The OL has been weakened, but the addition of **Martellus Bennett** will help with both blocking and receiving, and Rodgers still has a really nice trio at WR. However, when choosing between Rodgers or Tom Brady this year, we prefer Brady even up and especially based on ADP (Rodgers is at 28, QB1 and Brady is 41, QB2).

3. DREW BREES (NO, 38)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Last year was just another excellent season for then 37-year-old Brees. Brees finished 2016 3rd in accuracy percentage under pressure and 5th when the pocket was kept clean. While that may seem par for the course—it certainly is for the course of Brees' career—it's notable that Brees improved his accuracy rate when under pressure greatly in 2016 versus 2015. Perhaps the addition of **Michael Thomas** aided in Brees' overall floor as a passer, but in 2015 Brees actually finished near league average in accuracy when under pressure. Brees completed 471/673 passes (70.0%) for 5,208 yards (7.7 YPA), 37 TDs and 15 INTs, and he added 23/20/2 rushing in 16 games. He averaged 26.4 FPG, finishing 2nd at the position behind only **Aaron Rodgers**. Brees averaged 325.5 yards/game at 37 years old. In fact, only **Peyton Manning** has averaged more passing yards/game (342) at age 37 or older. With another QB2 season in the books, Brees has finished as a top-6 fantasy passer in every season he's been with the Saints (since 2006). That's remarkable.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: With many fantasy owners inclined to select their QBs later in the draft, Brees has been a nice compromise between holding off (at least a little) on drafting your QB while still acquiring a stud. We loved him in that role last year, but while we have no qualms with using 5th-round pick on him again this year (52 ADP, QB4), he seems a little less appealing to us in 2017. For one, the QB position is deeper than ever, and with **Brandin Cooks** gone and **Adrian Peterson** added, the Saints are clearly looking to run the ball more than we've seen in recent seasons. Still, those who draft Brees are likely getting a top-6 producer at the position, and there's a lot to be said about that stability and reliability.

4. ANDREW LUCK (IND, 27)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Last season was a near career year for Luck. His 5.7% touchdown rate was the second-best mark of his career and was 6th-best among all quarterbacks in 2016. What's more, Luck finished 8th among all passers in adjusted YPA and threw for more than 280 yards/game for the second time in his five-year career. Luck completed 346/545 passes (63.5%) for 4,240 yards (a career-best 7.8 YPA), 31 TDs, and 13 INTs, and he added 64/341/2 rushing in 15 games. He averaged 25.9 FPG, ranking 3rd at the position behind only **Aaron Rodgers** and **Drew Brees**. Keep in mind, Luck did all of his work behind one of the league's worst pass-protecting offensive lines. In fact, Luck was sacked on 7% of his drop backs in 2016, the highest rate of his career. Indianapolis is still severely lacking in talent around Luck thanks to recently ousted GM **Ryan Grigson**, but Luck showed once more that he's capable of overcoming a lackluster situation in 2016.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Luck was sneaky good in 2016, but he did miss a game (concussion) and he missed out on the Colts' offseason program while recovering from his January shoulder surgery, a shoulder that both-

ered him for much of 2016. The other negative is their roster, which is still lacking at the skill positions. If Luck were to lose **TY Hilton** to injury, Indy's receiving corps could actually be the worst in the league. On the positive side, the Colts feel very good about their OL heading into 2017, and Indy does have a pair of youngsters in **Donte Moncrief** and **Phillip Dorsett** who might be ready to contribute due to health and more experience, respectively. Plus, they added a solid backup plan in **Kamar Aiken** for depth. Luck is still one of the top QBs in the league, and he's still augmenting his fantasy production with his legs, but we see no reason to pounce on him in a draft given the quality depth at the position. His ADP of 51 (QB3) means he'll require an early 5th-round pick in a 12 team league, but we'd feel a lot better about selecting him if he slipped down the board a round. If not, there are plenty of other strong options at the position.

5. RUSSELL WILSON (SEA, 28)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Even though he got **Jimmy Graham** (torn patella) back for the entire year, Wilson's statistics sagged in 2016, especially early on. Wilson posted 353/546 passing for 4,219 yards (64.7%, 7.73 YPA) with 21 TDs and 11 INTs in 16 games. He added 72/259/1 rushing (3.6 YPC) to rank tied for 18th at QB with 20.8 FPG (tied with **Tyrod Taylor**). Wilson's career lows in the rush department were probably the biggest reason for his disappointing fantasy season, and also the easiest to explain away. For pretty much the entire season, Wilson was limited with knee and ankle sprains, most notably wearing a knee brace for his MCL sprain. But it was also clear that Wilson was getting more comfortable later in the year. Wilson had zero games of 20+ rushing yards through Week 11, then topped 20+ three times in the final six games of the year. Wilson had seven games in the top 12 at QB, but six of them were from Week 9 on. The problem was he still threw up some major stinkers, even once it was evident he was getting healthier. He threw 5 of his 11 INTs in Week 14 alone. Wilson was also plagued by one of the league's worst offensive lines. No team spent fewer dollars on linemen than the Seahawks. Additionally, the run game was inconsistent, and he never had a reliable WR outside of **Doug Baldwin**. Wilson posted a career-worst passing touchdown-rate (3.80) in 2016. That's bound to improve with a strong supporting cast and a better running back rotation in 2017. Wilson's pass attempts/game have increased every year since he was a rookie. Wilson ran less in 2016—he ran just 4.5 times per contest (his career rate heading into last year was 6.5 rush attempts/game).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: With healthy legs and a positive progression to the mean likely in the passing and rushing touchdown departments, Wilson looks like a savvy value in 2017 with an affordable ADP of 77 (QB7). As mentioned above, his attempts have increased in each of his seasons since his rookie year, and the team is now equipped with the best supporting cast at receiver that Wilson's seen, and their running game should be more consistent this year. Keep in mind he's just one year removed from averaging a healthy 24.9 fantasy points-per-game, which would have ranked him 5th at the position last year.

6. MATT RYAN (ATL, 32)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: As evidenced by their heartbreaking Super Bowl run, the 2016 season was a career year for Ryan. In fact, Ryan posted one of the best quarterback seasons ever recorded. Among quarterbacks to attempt 400 or more passes in a single year since the 1970 NFL merger, Ryan's adjusted YPA was third-best. That's right. Only **Aaron Rodgers** (in 2011) and **Peyton Manning** (in 2013) recorded better adjusted YPA figures in a single season. Ryan's 10.1 adjusted YPA blasted past his career average (7.4 AY/A). He also posted a league-leading 7.1% touchdown rate and threw for 309 yards per game—by far a career-best. He completed 373/534 passes (69.9%) for 4,944 yards (9.3 YPA), 38 TDs, and 7 INTs, and 35/117/0 rushing in 16 games. He averaged 25.7 FPG, ranking 5th at the position behind **Andrew Luck**. Now, obviously, we have to expect natural regression to the mean in 2017, but there really are litanies of ways to describe Ryan's historic 2016 season. The most telling: Ryan finished as a top-10 fantasy passer in 62.5% of his games in 2016, which is nearly double his average rate of top-10 weeks from 2012-2015 (33.2%). Everything came together perfectly for Ryan in 2016.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: To be completely honest, we didn't see Ryan's huge 2016 season coming. We figured things would go better in his year with Shanahan, but few expected anything remotely close to what his final numbers were. The problem is, few will likely expect him to repeat it, especially with Shanahan gone. New OC **Steve Sarkisian** is considered a creative guy, and he's not expected to making any dramatic changes to the offense. But as a general rule, we like to avoid QBs coming off career seasons, and Ryan almost certainly is. His ADP of 55 (QB5) is fair, considering the massive digits he put up, but with several comparable options available 1-5 rounds later, we don't expect to target Ryan.

7. DEREK CARR (OAK, 26)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: After a poor rookie season, Carr has improved his adjusted YPA every year in the league so far: 5.50 (rookie season), 7.0, and 7.50 (2016). League average is usually around 7.0. In 15 games, Carr posted 356/559 passing for 3,933 yards (63.7%, 7.04 YPA). He threw 28 TDs to 6 INTs, ranking 17th at QB with 21.0 FPG. Carr led the Raiders to an AFC Wild Card spot at 12-4, and their first playoff berth in 14 years, but, unfortunately, he broke his leg in Week 16 and the Raiders' playoff hopes went up in flames. It was a sour ending for Oakland, but up until that point, Carr had put together a fringe MVP season. For the most part, he was very useful for fantasy, turning in eight performances as a top-12 QB in his 15 starts. Carr had four games of 300+ passing yards, including a ridiculous 513 with 4 TDs in Week 8 against Tampa Bay, and four more times he threw 3+ TDs when he didn't throw for 300 yards. The issue with Carr is that there was no real in-between on him; he finished as a top-12 QB eight times in 15 games, but in the other seven games, he finished no higher than 20th. Carr played through a broken finger over the final month he was "healthy," an injury that ostensibly made his completion percentage drop by over 10% from where it was prior to the injury. After injuring the pinky in Week 12, Carr played almost exclusively out of the shotgun to minimize failed under-center exchanges.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Last year at this time, we felt Carr was being overvalued by the masses, since we weren't yet convinced that he was truly ready to bust out. But while he did have some bouts with inconsistency, he did show that he was ready to break out, so we're quite fond of him as a sneaky QB value in 2017. Entering his fourth season with three consecutive years of progress and development, Carr should be ready to show us the best he has to offer, and a better lead back in **Marshawn Lynch** and TE in **Jared Cook** can only help. He was sitting in the spring with an 85 ADP (QB8), so fantasy owners will be able to load up on 7-8 non-QBs before pulling the trigger on Carr. If his career arc and game film are any indication, there's a good chance he will go down as a great pick in 2017.

8. KIRK COUSINS (WAS, 29)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Cousins may be the most underrated quarterback in the league. First off, he's improved his adjusted YPA for three straight years (7.4 in 2014, 7.8 in 2015, and 8.0 in 2016) and has logged back-to-back top-8 fantasy finishes at his position. Cousins went 406/606 for 4,917 yards (67%, 8.11 YPA), with 25 TDs and 12 INTs in 16 games. He added 34/100/4 rushing to finish 6th among QBs with 23.7 FPG. On top of some of the league's most efficient passing numbers, Cousins now has 9 rushing TDs over the last two years—3rd in the NFL behind **Cam Newton** and **Tyrod Taylor** over that span. Nine times this year Cousins finished as a top-12 QB, and three more times he was inside the top 15, so in those weeks he didn't kill you. Moreover, four of those nine times he was actually a top-5 QB, so he was a week winner. Cousins threw for 300+ yards seven times, giving him 14 over the past two

seasons, 3rd behind only **Drew Brees** and **Carson Palmer** over that span. At 0.63 FP/PA, Cousins ranked 5th among QBs with 500 or more pass attempts. Over his last three years as a starter (38 games total), Cousins has averaged 284.0 yards per game, including his 307.3 YPG in 2016. Rip him all you want, but Cousins has been very productive.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Cousins is now starting **Jay Gruden's** offense for the third straight season, and it's the fourth straight year he's been in the system and with Gruden. That's key, because both player and coach are on the same page, and Gruden has done a masterful job of understanding Cousins' strengths and weaknesses while maximizing his effectiveness. Even though Cousins has proven a lot the last two seasons, averaging 23.05 fantasy points a game, his ADP remains suppressed (105 ADP, QB12). That's a function of the great depth at the position, but also likely their revamped receiving corps, which could mean Cousins will need some time to get acclimated to playing without **Pierre Garcon** and **DeSean Jackson**. However, if 2016 #1 pick **Josh Doctson** is healthy, we'd contend that their current receiving corps may actually be better than last year's (and it's definitely a lot bigger), so we once again love Cousins as a strong QB value.

9. JAMEIS WINSTON (TB, 23)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Winston didn't have consistency in 2016. Instead, he lacked a big ceiling. It's a bit counter-intuitive when you consider Winston's high variance passing style, but Winston only finished as a top-10 fantasy passer in just 25% of his games last year. Weekly consistency is definitely nice—Winston also finished as a top 20 or better fantasy passer in 10-of-16 games—but middling game logs can only get you so far. Winston completed 345/567 passes (60.8%) for 4090 yards (7.2 YPA), 28 TDs, and 18 INTs, and he added 53/165/1 rushing in 16 games. He averaged 21.6 FPG, tying with **Matthew Stafford** and **Carson Palmer** for 10th at the position. It was a tale of two seasons for the Bucs' second-year quarterback. Before the Bucs' Week 6 bye, **Jameis Winston** was struggling slightly. Winston was averaging a healthy 265 yards per game, but he owned a crippling 9:8 touchdown-to-interception ratio. In those first five games, Winston averaged a putrid 5.54 adjusted YPA. For reference, only **Ryan Fitzpatrick** (5.4), **Brock Osweiler** (5.0), and **Jared Goff** (4.3) were worse than Winston's opening five-game AY/A. The final 11 games were a different story. Winston became far more efficient, averaging a healthy 7.48 AY/A and a 19/10 touchdown-to-interception ratio. Most impressively, a rock solid 45.8% of Winston's throws inside of the 10-yard line went for a score, which was the 5th-best rate in the league. There are signs Winston may be ready to find his fantasy ceiling. Winston improved his touchdown rate from 4.2% to 4.9% in 2016. He finished the year strong, and the Bucs' are loaded with weapons on offense in his third year.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Buccaneers are putting together what appears to be a playoff-caliber roster, and they're surrounding their young QB with multiple weapons. After signing **DeSean Jackson** in the offseason, Tampa added Alabama TE **O.J. Howard** in the 1st round of the NFL Draft, providing Winston with one of the best one-two punches at the position in the entire league, along with **Cameron Brate**. Now, Winston has speed on the perimeter and size inside the hash marks—and one of the beast #1 WRs in the game in **Mike Evans**. Winston will always throw picks because he takes risks, but he's very well positioned for fantasy success given the state of his receiving corps, and he gets the slight edge over some good options based on the 80 fantasy points he's posted with his legs in his two seasons. He's not a particularly good value with an ADP around 100 (QB10), but we are optimistic about his chances to settle in as a top-10 fantasy producer in 2017.

10. PHILIP RIVERS (LAC, 35)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Last year was a bit of an odd season for Rivers. He posted his career-worst interception rate (3.6%) in 2016, but that was a bit fluky once you dig deeper. In fact, 10 of Rivers' 21 interceptions in 2016 came in just three games. Rivers threw one or fewer interceptions in 10-of-16 contests. It's fair to criticize Rivers for having three games with 3+ interceptions, but his floor was still rock solid; Rivers did not have a single fantasy performance below QB24 in 2016. Rivers posted 349/578 passing for 4,390 yards (60.4%, 7.60 YPA) with 33 TDs and 21 INTs in 16 games. In our site-default scoring system, which doesn't dock for INTs, he ranked 8th at QB with 22.2 FPG. While Rivers finished 4th in the NFL in TD passes, his 21 INTs were most in the league and most in the NFL since 2013. The amazing thing is that Rivers threw just 4 INTs in his first seven games and 17 in his final nine. Rivers had a streak of seven consecutive games with at least 1 INT to end the year. That was the longest streak in the NFL this season. Of course, Rivers has plenty of excuses. His offensive line was shaky at best, and he lost his #1 WR, **Keenan Allen**, halfway into the 2016 season with a torn ACL. Then, he lost third-down specialist **Danny Woodhead** to an ACL tear soon after. In standard scoring systems, Rivers had three top-8 QB finishes during the first five weeks of the regular season, but didn't have a single top-12 finish for the rest of the year. Rivers threw for 300+ yards six times, with four of those six coming in the first seven weeks.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Chargers surprised everyone by selecting Clemson WR **Mike Williams** at #7 overall, giving Rivers an added perimeter weapon and eschewing the defensive side of the ball, which is what everyone expected the Chargers to address. But consider that Rivers' top two WRs, **Keenan Allen** and **Tyrell Williams**, have injury concerns, and one of his two TEs, **Antonio Gates**, is at the end of his career. Teamed with their 2nd-round selection of G **Forrest Lamp** to fortify their OL, it was a very Rivers-friendly draft for the Chargers. We've always respected Rivers' game, but we haven't really pushed him for fantasy lately with mixed results. But given his extraordinary level of recent play and unusual quality depth at receiver this year, we're more into Rivers than we've been in several years.

11. DAK PRESCOTT (DAL, 24)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: In both fantasy and real-life NFL, everything went right for Prescott in 2016. Prescott went 311/459 passing (67.8%) for 3,667 yards with 23 TDs and just 4 INTs in 16 games. He added 57/282/6 rushing (4.9 YPC) to finish with 21.2 FPG, which tied him for 14th among QBs. But removing his Week 17 game, in which he barely played, Prescott averaged 22.5 FPG, which tied him for 7th at the position. At 0.77 FP/PA, he was second to only Matt Ryan among QBs. Prescott finished as a top-12 QB in 10 separate weeks, which made him the draft-day value at the position, as he often wasn't even drafted. Dallas didn't want Prescott throwing the ball a ton—only once all year did he attempt 40-plus passes, and that came in Week 1's loss to the Giants. He threw for 300+ yards twice, so he was far more efficient than a high-volume passer. He finished as a top-10 passer a robust 10 times last year (56.3% rate). That's very strong for a rookie. What's more, it's arguable Prescott's ceiling—from a fantasy perspective—could be even higher. Dak did have 6 rushing touchdowns, but he only ran for 17.6 rushing yards per contest. For reference, **Russell Wilson** ran for 30.6 yards/game as a rookie. Still, Prescott's 2016 season as a passer is one for the record books. Among qualifying rookie quarterbacks since the 1970 merger, Prescott's 2016 campaign ranks 5th all-time in touchdown rate (5.0%), 1st in interception rate (0.87%), and 1st in adjusted YPA (8.60).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Dallas was set up perfectly to foster Prescott in his rookie season. On the back of an elite offensive line, a great running game, and **Dez Bryant** plus the reliable **Jason Witten**, Prescott's supporting cast as a rookie was nearly flawless. The Cowboys' lost two key O-lineman this summer, but for the most part, the Cowboys' offense is back in place. We know what Dallas' game plan will be, and Prescott's role won't change much (if at all) in 2017. But can he maintain near excellence in Year Two? We hate to doubt the player, but we do think there's something to the dreaded "sophomore slump." There's now a full season of tape on Prescott, and the law

of averages says things won't likely go as perfectly in 2017. He's not a player we'll be targeting, but his ADP as the QB11 off the board does line up with our initial ranking. However, there are some players we like more this year like Kirk Cousins and Philip Rivers who are being drafted after Dak.

12. MARCUS MARIOTA (TEN, 23)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Last season was a sweeping improvement for Mariota across the board. He improved his touchdown rate by 0.7%. His interception rate dipped by 0.7% as well, and he improved his adjusted YPA from 7.4 (in 2015) to 7.9. What's more, Mariota averaged 4.0 rush attempts per contest in 2016—an improvement from just seeing 2.8 carries/game as a rookie. Mariota completed 276/451 passes (61.2%) for 3,426 yards (7.6 YPA), 26 TDs, and 9 INTs, and he added 60/349/2 rushing in 15 games. He averaged 21.5 FPG, ranking 13th at the position just behind fellow 2015 top pick **Jameis Winston**. From Week 5 to Week 12, Mariota threw for multiple passing scores in eight straight games. In that stretch, Mariota finished as a QB1 (top 12) scorer in every contest—six of which were top 8 or better performances. The only issue in 2016 was that Mariota was virtually replaceable in all of his other games. In Weeks 1-4 and 14-15 (prior to breaking his leg), Mariota finished outside of the top-20 passers in four out of six games, and his two best days in that span were QB15 and QB18 outings. Still, everything for Mariota, from his periphery passing efficiency to his usage as a rusher, is shooting upwards in Year Three. Operating at a highly efficient level in both real and fantasy football, only **Matt Ryan**, **Aaron Rodgers**, **Tom Brady**, and **Dak Prescott** scored more fantasy points per drop back in 2016 than Mariota.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Having acquired the 5th overall pick from the Rams, the Titans used the selection to impact Mariota's supporting cast. Despite concerns about his recent injuries, we ranked **Corey Davis** as our #1 overall rookie WR in the pre-draft process. Davis instantly gives Mariota a gifted passing option, and they improved Mariota's weaponry even more with Western Kentucky WR **Taywan Taylor**. Mariota is recovering from a serious injury himself, but there's no indication his broken leg will sideline him into training camp. Although this will remain a run-heavy offense, Mariota is still an ascending player and a solid option if you address the QB position later in your draft, and his ADP is an affordable 105 (QB13).

13. MATTHEW STAFFORD (DET, 29)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Stafford finished as a top-10 passer in 50% of his games—a marked improvement from his 31% top-10 rate in 2015—and finished as a top-12 passer in fantasy points/game for the first time since 2013. Life after **Calvin Johnson** was a concern, but he answered with a career-best 1.7% interception rate and a 76.1% adjusted completion rate (that accounts for dropped passes), good enough for 10th-best in the league, along with above average efficiency and Stafford's fantasy ceiling strength in 2016. Stafford had four top-5 finishes among all fantasy quarterbacks; for reference, **Andrew Luck** had three top-5 weeks in 2016. It wasn't all roses for Stafford, as his season and the Lions' season went sideways after he dislocated the middle finger on his throwing hand in Week 14. He saw his interceptions spike from 5 INTs in 12 games to 5 in his final five games, and the Lions lost those final five games, including to the Seahawks in the Wild Card Round. Stafford completed 388/594 passes (65.3%) for 4,327 yards (7.3 YPA), 24 TDs, and 10 INTs, and adding a career-best 37/207/2 rushing while playing every snap in 2016. He averaged 21.6 FPG, ranking 10th at the position behind **Blake Bortles**. Stafford threw for multiple TDs seven times, and he was at his best in Weeks 1-6, averaging 24.6 FPG with 14 of his 24 TDs coming in that span.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: There isn't a lot of excitement for Stafford this year, and we can see why. The team lost **Anquan Boldin** and seems intent on finally establishing a running game this year. Stafford can still put up strong numbers with an improved running game, but the Lions are relatively thin at receiver and could be an injury away from fielding a mediocre group of targets for Stafford. He is very affordable, at least, with an ADP of 120 (QB15), so he's a solid target for those in 2-QB or 14-team or larger leagues. For everyone else, he's merely an excellent fantasy backup.

14. BEN ROETHLISBERGER (PIT, 35)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Steelers transitioned from a pass-heavy team in the first half of the year to a **Le'Veon Bell**-centric squad in the second half. With the Steelers leaning heavily on Bell, Big Ben didn't attempt 37+ passes in his final six regular season games (Weeks 11-16) and in the first two playoff games, before he attempted 47 passes in their blowout loss to the Patriots in the AFC Championship. Roethlisberger attempted 37+ passes in six of his first eight games of 2016. Big Ben averaged 26.3 FPG (4th at the position) in Weeks 1-10 compared to just 18.0 (26th) in Weeks 11-16. For the year, he completed 328/509 passes (64.4%) for 3,819 yards (7.5 YPA), 29 TDs, and 13 INTs in 14 games, while adding 16/14/1 rushing in 14 games. Big Ben averaged 22.7 FPG, ranking 7th at the position behind **Kirk Cousins**. We know what Big Ben is at this point, but we do need to make special note of his absurd home/road splits over the past two seasons. We can't exactly pinpoint why the splits are occurring, but they're notable all the same. Over the past two years, when Roethlisberger is at home, he averages 334 passing yards/game, 3.0 TDs/game, and a strong 8.86 yards per pass attempt. In that same timeframe, when Big Ben hits the road his statistics drop off of a cliff: 268.7 passing yards/game, 1.0 TDs/game, and just 7.52 YPA. This effectively works out to 29.9 fantasy points per game at home and just 16.6 FPs/game on the road. That's absurd.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: It's quite possible that Roethlisberger-to-**Antonio Brown** goes down as one of the best quarterback-receiver duo's ever. Now, with **Martavis Bryant** back from suspension and rookie **JuJu Smith-Schuster** added, Roethlisberger's passing attack may be more multi-dimensional than ever. On the downside, the team released athletic TE **Ladarius Green** in May, and there's a drop-off in terms of playmaking ability to **Jesse James**. Another concern is the lingering talk of retirement surrounding Big Ben, and he has missed multiple games in each of the last two seasons (two in 2016 and four in 2015). We still respect Big Ben's game, and this is a very good offense, but Roethlisberger isn't easy to strongly support as a QB1 at this point. With an ADP of around 95 as the QB9 off the board, we see him as overvalued and/or not worth the risk in 2017.

15. CAM NEWTON (CAR, 28)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Last year did not go as planned for the league's reigning 2015 MVP. Cam completed 270/510 passes (52.9%) for 3,509 yards (6.9 YPA), 19 TDs, and 14 INTs, and he added 90/359/5 rushing in 15 games. He averaged 21.1 FPG, ranking 15th at the position behind **Dak Prescott**. Newton finished last in adjusted completion percentage (that accounts for drops), he was last in accuracy rate under pressure, and for good measure, Cam was also last in accuracy rate when the pocket was kept clean. Ouch. After posting a career-best 7.1% passing touchdown rate in 2015, Newton's TD rate last year was the worst mark of his career (3.7%). The lows did not stop there. Newton also posted a career-worst figure in adjusted YPA, and his 6.0 carries and 23.9 rushing yards/game was, by far, a new low. To be fair, Newton was dealing with a shoulder injury throughout the year that required offseason surgery, and he sustained a concussion that cost him one game. Still, there's no getting around two simple facts: Newton struggled dramatically as a passer after his 2015 season and was significantly less involved as a rusher in 2016.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: 2016 was a bit of a mess for Newton, and he didn't get the best play from **Kelvin Benjamin**, but it's hard to expect a bounce-back this year given all the time missed in the offseason due to his shoulder surgery, and with a pair of two new short-passing additions, **Christian McCaffrey** and

Curtis Samuel. To be fair, we didn't see his MVP season in 2015 coming, yet it looks like his career outlier, and it remains to be seen if Newton can improve his accuracy and touch with new weapons. We *do* love that the Panthers are willing to change their offense to incorporate more short passing, which could limit the hits Cam has to absorb in the pocket. Speaking of limiting the hits on Cam, based on comments from HC **Ron Rivera** this offseason, it looks like Newton's going to be running less, which is a problem for fantasy, because he's posted 7.0 fantasy points a game with his legs. Without major rushing production, Cam's a poor fantasy producer. His early ADP was around 75 (QB6), which doesn't seem outrageous on the surface, but there's no way we're using an early 7th-round pick on Cam with so many quality alternatives available later (some much later).

16. ELI MANNING (NYG, 36)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: At 35-years-old, Manning struggled mightily in last year's campaign. Eli went 377/598 for 4,027 yards (63.0%, 6.7 YPA), with 26 TDs and 16 INTs. He ran 21 times for 9 yards and averaged 19.0 FPG, which ranked him 23rd at the QB position, a year after finishing 10th in the same offense. Eli had just four finishes as a top-12 QB on the year, and never above seven. He threw for 350+ yards four times, but in only one of those games did he throw multiple TDs. In those games, he totaled 5 TDs and 7 INTs. On the flip side, he threw for fewer than 200 yards six times. So, even when Eli had a big game, he wasn't putting the ball in the end zone enough for it to be a week-winning performance. Among QBs with 200+ pass attempts, Manning finished 9th-worst at 0.51 FP/PA, which is just unacceptable from a veteran throwing to a solid receiving corps. It's possible the Giants' lack of an additional explosive weapon opposite **Odell Beckham Jr.** and zero continuity in the running game drastically harmed Manning in 2016, but some of his struggles are certainly on him. Last year, Manning posted his 2nd-worst passing touchdown rate and 3rd-worst figure in adjusted YPA over the past 10 seasons. What's more, Manning's overall fantasy finish in 2016 was the 2nd-worst of his career, if you discount his rookie season. Manning finished as the QB22 in 2013. Some new weapons and perhaps an improved rushing attack will help in 2017, but it's difficult to ignore that even with OBJ, Manning finished as a top-20 fantasy passer just 50% of the time in 2016.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: There's no doubt the Giants have put Eli in a good situation this offseason, adding **Brandon Marshall** in free agency and drafting TE **Evan Engram** in the 1st round of the NFL Draft. While we still have questions about Engram's possible fit (he was essentially a big slot receiver at Ole Miss), there's no doubt he's a gifted player in the mold of **Jordan Reed**. While the Giants still need their offensive line to improve, there are certainly no more excuses for Eli, who has one of the most loaded receiving corps in the NFL. He looked done last year, but the Giants are trying to squeeze another good year or two out of him, and the odds seem good they will. The best thing about Manning this year is his price tag, which is very low. With an ADP of 125 (QB16), he's extremely affordable for a guy with easy 30-TD potential, which offsets any possible downside caused by declining skills.

17. CARSON PALMER (ARI, 37)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Palmer posted 365/598 passing for 4,237 yards (61.0%, 7.09 YPA), with 26 TDs and 14 INTs in 15 games. With 21.3 FPG, he ranked 13th at the QB position. All in all, Palmer's bottom line wasn't awful, but he was constantly under siege behind a banged-up offensive line, and he was throwing to a WR corps that was decimated. It led to inconsistency in Palmer's play, and his ceiling was significantly lower than it was in 2015. Palmer opened 2016 with two top-12 weeks at the QB position. He would total just four the rest of the season combined. Given how he was a consistent top-12 option in 2015, Palmer being relegated to more streaming duty was a massive downfall for him. Palmer threw for 300+ yards six times, but 12 of his 26 TDs came in those games, so he wasn't exactly helping you out a ton when he threw for fewer than 300 yards. Nonetheless, he threw for fewer than 200 yards just once, so despite Palmer's ceiling not being as consistently high as it was the previous year, his floor wasn't enough to kill you if you rolled with him on a weekly basis. After posting career-high figures in touchdown rate (6.5%), yards/game (291.9), and total fantasy points (309), Palmer fell back down to earth in 2016. Last year, Palmer averaged 282.2 yards/game (2nd-best of his career), but his touchdown rate slipped to 4.4%. Palmer's floor was still fine—he finished as a top-20 fantasy passer in 80% of his games—but Palmer's ceiling was fairly low. He had just four top-10 scoring weeks after having seven the year prior. With aging weapons in an offense that has evolved to be centered around **David Johnson**, Palmer's top-end fantasy weeks may be a thing of the past.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Palmer's now 37, and he's lost some talent from that big 2015 season with **Michael Floyd**, so it's hard to get too excited about his fantasy prospects heading into '17. His ADP is down to around 150 (QB21), which is probably the biggest positive. Palmer's days of being drafted as a starter are probably over, but given his high-end passing ability and familiarity in Bruce Arians' offense, Palmer does look like a backup capable of producing as a fantasy starter. It looks like wideout **John Brown** is over his health issues, and along with JJ Nelson and Larry Fitzgerald, Palmer should have enough to post at least top-15 numbers on a weekly basis if things go well.

18. ANDY DALTON (CIN, 29)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Dalton had another solid, if unspectacular year in 2016. His touchdown rate dropped to a career-low (3.2%), but Dalton's 7.50 adjusted YPA was the second-best mark of his career. The Bengals O-line was shockingly shaky, with Dalton getting sacked a whopping 41 times—the most he's been sacked since 2012 (46). Even with constant bodies around him, Dalton played well under pressure and extended plays. He completed 364/563 passes (64.7%) for 4,206 yards (7.5 YPA), 18 TDs, and 8 INTs, and he added 46/184/4 rushing in 16 games. He averaged 20.5 FPG, ranking 19th at the position behind **Russell Wilson**. Dalton clearly didn't have a great fantasy season because of a lack of TD passes, but he actually put together a second consecutive efficient passing season. Dalton set career highs in YPA (7.5), completions (364), completion percentage (64.7), and interception percentage (1.4). He was one of just four QBs who averaged 7.5+ YPA with an interception rate of 1.4% or below. The others were **Matt Ryan** (9.3/1.3), **Tom Brady** (8.2/0.5), and **Dak Prescott** (8.0/0.9). He had just four games throwing for multiple TDs after doing it a whopping nine times in 13 chances in 2015. He finished as a top-12 (QB1) passer seven times in 15 games from Weeks 1-16, in spite of the fact he did not have **A.J. Green** for the final six games of the year. We're betting that Dalton's progresses significantly with all of the Bengals new weapons. He may be a sneaky buy-low.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: It's easy to make sense of the Bengals' selection of speedy WR **John Ross** at #9 overall in the NFL Draft, as they clearly lacked a deep-ball threat opposite the all-world **A.J. Green**. The question is if Dalton is the QB to truly take advantage of that. Moreover, Dalton is still playing behind an offensive line that was absolutely decimated in free agency. Ross is a phenomenal talent (as is controversial 2nd-round pick **Joe Mixon**), so it's entirely possible that Dalton has the best group of skill players to work with in his career. His ADP of around 125 (QB17) is fair, given his upside in 2017. He's one of the better backup QB options this year with a chance to produce at a starter's level.

19. TYROD TAYLOR (BUF, 28)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Bills actually benched Taylor for the season finale after the best game of his career against Miami in Week 16 (329/3 passing and 12/60 rushing), a decision the Bills made from a financial perspective. The Bills ultimately decided this offseason to keep Taylor around for at least another year after a solid 2016 campaign under difficult circumstances. He's put up very similar numbers the last two years,

even though he played half of 2016 without his only viable receiver **Sammy Watkins**, who played the other half of the games at less than 100%. Taylor completed 269/436 passes (61.7%) for 3,023 yards (6.9 YPA), 17 TDs, and 6 INTs, and he added 95/580/6 rushing in 15 games. He averaged 21.1 FPG, tying him for 16th at the position with **Derek Carr**. Tyrod led QBs in rushing yards (580) and TDs (6). Taylor proved to be a consistent fantasy option, scoring more than 25+ FP just three times last season but also scoring fewer than 17 FPs just twice. Taylor attempted a deep pass on 18.3% of his throws, which was the highest rate by more than 2%. He wasn't nearly as efficient with his deep passes in 2016—his YPA dropped from 8.0 in 2015 to 6.9 in 2016—but he also didn't have a healthy Watkins at his disposal last season. He did improve throwing under pressure in his second season as a starter, but he's never going to be known as a traditional pocket passer.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Over the past two years, when **Sammy Watkins** is healthy and in the lineup, Taylor is a different quarterback. When Watkins is active from 2015-16, Tyrod Taylor's YPA jumps from a 7.93 average (without Watkins) to 8.8 (with Watkins) and his TD rate jumps by 17%. That's astonishing. Over that same two-year span, Taylor has averaged 6.85 attempts and 39.6 yards per contest rushing. With his added rushing production, Taylor may have top-10 upside if he and Watkins can put a full season of games together. The Bills will still be a run-first team, but Tyrod's arsenal did also get an upgrade in the draft with East Carolina WR **Zay Jones**, which helps Taylor's potential if Watkins is on the field. The team did not pick up Watkins' fifth-year option this year, which isn't a great sign, but at least Watkins has added motivation being in the final year of his rookie deal. Tyrod's fantasy value is almost totally dependent on Watkins, but his upside if he has Watkins is at least pretty clear. His ADP of 135 (QB19) is certainly acceptable, making him one of the more intriguing QB2 options on the board.

20. RYAN TANNEHILL (MIA, 29)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Tannehill appeared to be nearly invincible to start his career, enduring plenty of hits since he broke into the league in 2012 and never missing a game. His streak of 77 consecutive starts to begin his career came to an end when he partially tore his ACL and MCL in Week 14. His first season under new HC **Adam Gase** will go down as a mild success, and he started to come on strong at the end of his season, throwing for multiple TDs in four of his last five games before his knee injury. He completed 261/389 passes (67.1%) for 2,995 yards (7.7 YPA), 19 TDs, and 12 INTs, and he added 39/164/1 rushing in 13 games. He averaged 19.2 FPG, finishing 22nd among QBs behind **Joe Flacco** and **Colin Kaepernick**. Tannehill was one of the more efficient fantasy QBs, averaging .69 fantasy points per pass attempt—the league average was .53. And guess who has improved his adjusted YPA every year he has been in the league? That's right. It's Tannehill! He will always have his detractors, but it's hard to deny that Tannehill has at least slowly and incrementally improved in each of his pro seasons.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Tannehill intrigues us because, with an ADP of 170 (QB21), there's almost nothing but upside to drafting him, and because we like his chances to grow in year-two in **Adam Gase's** offense. We asked Gase about Tannehill at the Combine earlier this year, and it's clear to us that Gase believes in Tannehill. His fantasy numbers weren't great, but some of that had to do with opportunity, as he threw the ball fewer than 30 times a game, but we'd expect a little more from the passing game this year with **Jay Ajayi** set as a threat defenses need to seriously account for. Tannehill gets to throw it to the re-signed **Kenny Stills**, plus they should see increased production from the TE spot with **Julius Thomas** added, so the final piece of the puzzle is the talented **DeVante Parker**. Parker's had a good offseason, and if he can turn the corner and make a consistent impact, then a healthy Tannehill will almost certainly go down as a sneaky value in 2017.

21. JOE FLACCO (BAL, 32)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: At this point, Flacco is what he is for our fantasy purposes. He has just one top-12 fantasy season to his name (in 2010), and including a QB20 performance last year, has now finished outside of the top-16 fantasy quarterbacks for three of the last four years. In 2016, the Ravens wanted Flacco to carry the offense, and he wasn't up to the task for most of the year. OCs **Marc Trestman** and then **Marty Mornhinweg** abandoned the run nearly every week, despite Flacco struggling to make throws downfield. They ran the ball a franchise-record low 367 times, as the team was more content with their short passing game. The Ravens threw the ball more than any team in the NFL but ranked 17th in the NFL in total yards per game. Flacco completed 436/672 passes (64.9%) for 4,317 yards (6.4 YPA), 20 TDs, and 15 INTs, and he added 21/58/2 rushing in 16 games. He averaged 19.7 FPG, ranking 20th at the position behind **Andy Dalton**. Flacco averaged a miserable .47 fantasy points per pass attempt—the league average was .53. He threw for multiple TDs just five times, and he hit 20+ FP only five times. Flacco simply checked it down too many times, and he didn't seem completely comfortable in the pocket until late in the season. Of course, he was coming off a season-ending ACL injury in 2015, and it took a long time to knock off the rust. He did play better in the second half of the year, averaging 22.5 FPG in Weeks 10-16, which ranked 7th at the position.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Flacco was coming off an ACL tear last year and wasn't much of a fantasy factor in 2016, yet he was still a top-20 producer overall and was 21st in QB points-per-game. His knee should be in better shape than it was last year, but there are some questions about his supporting cast. We love the addition of **Danny Woodhead**, who offers fine support for Flacco, and they are very deep at TE. But their WR group leaves a lot to be desired. A big key is obviously former #1 pick **Breshad Perriman**. If Perriman, who didn't look as explosive on film last year as he did in college, can return to form and deliver on his talent, then Flacco should be in solid shape at the position, but that's a big if. Flacco is a so-so backup or QB2 option, but with an ADP of 175 (QB23), he's essentially a free pick. He's not exciting at all, but he's free.

22. BLAKE BORTLES (JAC, 25)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: What is there to even say? From an NFL standpoint, Bortles was arguably one of the worst three quarterbacks in the league in 2016. Still, Bortles managed to pull off garbage-time heroics and finished as a top-12 (QB1) passer six times from Weeks 1-16. As we learned, inefficiency is not something we want to make a bet on for fantasy football. While Bortles did end up finishing as the cumulative QB14 in fantasy points, his route to a decent finish was mired in poor play. Even though Bortles is exiting his third pro season, he can't routinely read Cover-2 defenses, he locks on to one receiver too often, and misses routine passes. Other than that, everything is fine. After posting a strong 5.8% touchdown rate—largely fueled by fourth-quarter scores—Bortles' TD rate in 2016 regressed to a paltry 3.7%. Bortles' main efficiency metrics—adjusted YPA, fantasy points per drop back, and net yards per attempt—all crashed back down to earth.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Bortles was a catastrophe last year, yet he still produced solid overall numbers, so we would't be surprised if Bortles wound up being a fairly valuable fantasy asset in 2017, if not an impact player. But with an improved defense and a run-first mentality with **Leonard Fournette** now on the roster, the days of Bortles slinging the rock 600+ times are likely over, which clearly hurts his upside, because he should remain inefficient. Bortles was brutal last year and everyone knows it, so his price tag will be affordable (150 ADP, QB20), making him a viable QB2 with some upside. For what it's worth, we're told the coaching staff has been pleased with his progress this offseason as the Jags attempt to rebuild him from the ground up (again).

23. CARSON WENTZ (PHI, 24)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: It was a whirlwind rookie season for Wentz, who wasn't even supposed to play, but a week before the regular season was thrust into the Eagles' starting lineup following the trade of **Sam Bradford**. And remember, this was a guy coming from FCS competition who played in just one preseason game—he missed the final three games of the preseason with a rib injury. In 16 games, Wentz posted 379/607 passing (62.4%) for 3,782 yards (6.2 YPA) with 16 TDs and 14 INTs. He added 46/150/2 rushing (3.3 YPC) to average 17.6 FPG, which ranked him 27th among QBs. From a bottom line standpoint, that probably shouldn't be surprising for a rookie QB who played at tiny North Dakota State (though an FCS powerhouse), especially a rookie QB who wasn't supposed to play at all. He was unusable for the most part in fantasy football—he had just two top-12 (QB1) scoring weeks. Without his starting RT in **Lane Johnson** for 10 games and a myriad of miscast receivers, Wentz still hung there pretty impressively, though he cooled off after an impossibly hot start. Still, Wentz needs to cut back on his mistakes. His 2.3% interception rate in 2016 was the 12th-worst in the league, while his touchdown rate (2.6%) was the lowest mark among qualifiers in 2016. Just like most second-year quarterbacks, Wentz still has work to do to become an above-average starter in the NFL.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Wentz never made it to fantasy respectability as a rookie in 2016, yet he showed he can play in the NFL, and it was clear the organization would go out and get him help this offseason. They didn't waste much time by adding the top free agent WR in **Alshon Jeffery** and a legit deep threat in **Torrey Smith**. Teamed with productive slot guy **Jordan Matthews** and a solid TE in **Zach Ertz**, and it's suddenly a strong and well-rounded receiving corps for Wentz, whose OL is also in the top half of the league. However, while Wentz will be breaking in two new outside WRs, and while he probably needs more seasoning until he's ready to emerge as a serious fantasy factor, fantasy owners seem to be expecting a big jump in 2017. Based on his early ADP of 130 (QB18), he's being drafted before some better options, like **Carson Palmer**, **Tyrod Taylor**, and **Ryan Tannehill**. We're fine with swinging for the fences for upside, but Wentz does look a little overvalued this year.

24. SAM BRADFORD (MIN, 29)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Vikings traded for Bradford just eight days before their season opener after **Teddy Bridgewater** suffered a catastrophic knee injury. Just 15 days later, Bradford was leading the Vikings to an impressive Sunday Night Football victory over the Packers in Week 2. They looked like a team of destiny through five weeks, but the wheels eventually came sputtering off. They had no running game to speak of, OC **Norv Turner** resigned midseason, and Bradford played behind a revolving door along their offensive line. He got sacked a staggering 37 times, and new OC **Pat Shurmur** went to a short-passing attack to keep him upright. The move to a short-passing game helped Bradford set an NFL record for completion percentage at 71.6%, but he was almost entirely unusable for fantasy. Bradford completed 395/552 passes (an NFL record 71.6%) for 3,877 yards (7.0 YPA), 20 TDs, and 5 INTs in 15 games. Bradford's low-variance, short passing style led to the 3rd-lowest interception rate (0.9%) in the league, but it also completely killed Bradford's ceiling. Last year, Bradford only had four top-12 scoring weeks all season. We're betting on a similar style Vikings' offense in 2017.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: As impressive as Bradford was in 2016, it doesn't look like anyone is into buying him for fantasy in 2017, as his ADP sits at nearly 200 overall (QB25). The Vikings will be more about the passing game than they've been in a decade under OC **Pat Shurmur**, and their OL won't likely be a complete sieve as it was last year. Plus, Bradford has solid weapons in **Stefon Diggs**, **Kyle Rudolph**, and **Adam Thielen**. If 2016 #1 pick **Laquon Treadwell** or FA signing **Michael Floyd** can contribute, that would only help, but we're not holding our collective breaths on that. Ultimately, Bradford is still an injury-prone player who'll be playing behind a weaker OL and with two new RBs in his backfield. It's hard to envision much upside, so he's a low-end QB2, but he did at least play well last year.

25. ALEX SMITH (KC, 33)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: If you need a poster boy for a solid, but unspectacular fantasy quarterback, look no further. Smith was Smith in 2016, as he so often is. Playing in 15 games, missing one start with a concussion (that apparently wasn't a concussion... sure), Smith posted 328/489 passing for 3,502 yards (67.1%, 7.2 YPA) with 15 TDs and 8 INTs. He added a disappointing 48/134/5 rushing (2.8 YPC) to average 18.6 FPG. Smith's last three performances (FPG) aren't the definition of both consistency and mediocrity: QB22, QB21, and in 2016 QB23. At this point of his career, we know exactly what he is. Smith's interception rate has never crept above 2% while in Kansas City, but his passing touchdown rate has never gone above 4.5% while with the Chiefs. The league average passing touchdown rate usually hovers around 4.3 to 4.7 percent.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Smith's time in KC is obviously running out, as the Chiefs made a highly aggressive move to trade into the top 10 for Texas Tech QB **Patrick Mahomes**. While Mahomes needs significant polish, which indicates to us he won't be able to play right away, there's no doubt **Andy Reid** sees a lot of **Brett Favre**, his former pupil, in Mahomes. We'd be shocked if Mahomes is the Chiefs' starter Week 1, and Smith might start the entire year for Kansas City. But the fact that they took such a bold step at the QB position is indicative of Smith's limitations. Smith has some weapons with **Travis Kelce** and **Tyreek Hill**, but he's been under 20 fantasy points a game three years running, and that's just not cutting it. Still, it'll take an injury to knock him out of the lineup, and a top-25 finish is likely.

26. BRIAN HOYER (SF, 31)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: A career long back up/spot starter, Hoyer may have put together his most productive stretch of his career in 2016 with the Bears. Before breaking his arm in late October 2016, Hoyer actually finished as a top-12 (QB1) passer three times in four full starts. What's more, Hoyer hit the 300-yard milestone in each of those four full starts and didn't throw a single interception. It's a small sample, but it was still an impressive stretch of play versus Dallas, Detroit, Indianapolis, and Jacksonville. Hoyer is never going to be the "answer" for a franchise, but there's something to be said for the fact that he's posted his two best seasons in terms of adjusted YPA in back-to-back years with two different teams in 2015 and 2016.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The 49ers did trade up to draft QB **C.J. Beathard** in the 3rd round, but we're not big fans of the Iowa QB, who's a developmental QB at best. HC **Kyle Shanahan** said after the draft that Hoyer is "our starting quarterback," and as long as he isn't a disaster, Hoyer should hold down the gig for the entire season. Hoyer actually played pretty well as the starter last year, throwing for 6 TDs without an INT and going for more 300+ yards in all four of his starts in Weeks 3-6. He averaged 22.9 FPG in that stretch (10 at the position) and was a viable streamer off the waiver wire. Hoyer also had some success with Shanahan back in Cleveland in 2014, when Hoyer went 7-6 as a starter and threw for 7.6 YPA. Hoyer's receiving corps leaves a lot to be desired, but Shanahan is an offensive wizard, so Hoyer has a chance to settle in as a viable backup fantasy QB, with the chance to be a streaming option in some favorable matchups.

27. DESHAUN WATSON (HOU, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: In our opinion, Watson has a very good feel for playing from within the pocket and possessed the most advanced mental skillset of any passer in the 2017 class, and his experience in that area shows. Watson was very good at manipulating defenders with his eyes, and overall, his pock-

et mechanics were the strongest we saw from the top prospects in the 2017 class (aside from maybe **Mitchell Trubisky**). However, like most QBs coming from a shotgun-heavy offense, he can get lazy with mechanics, despite a good feel for them, and he may have the weakest arm of the top prospects. That's a bad combo that did lead to turnovers at Clemson and will absolutely lead to them in the NFL. Watson also threw a lot of picks as a junior (17) many of them coming on forced throws or just plain bad decisions. And despite a strong overall Combine, reports about horrendous throw velocity showed up about a week later, though we never really found this to be an issue on tape. In addition to his solid skills as a passer plus mobility, Watson is an intense competitor and respected leader.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: He's not a transcendent talent and a QB who truly drives the ball when he throws it, and he has some other blemishes, but Watson is an impressive person with an impressive resume, consistently stepping up in big games and showing excellent leadership qualities. We're betting **Bill O'Brien** and **DeAndre Hopkins** will love working with Watson, and we're betting that Watson plays a lot as a rookie. **Tom Savage** has a decided advantage over Watson giving his experience in the system, but Savage probably isn't good enough to stave Watson off for more than a month or so. There are plenty of weapons here that can put Watson in a good position, possibly similar to **Dak Prescott** in Dallas last year, and Watson will definitely augment his fantasy output with his legs, which is an important factor. Given his abilities, pedigree, and solid situation, he's a nice upside option to grab late for depth. And with an ADP around 200 (QB26), he's basically a free pick late in drafts.

28. JARED GOFF (LAR, 22)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: We usually like to focus on the positives here at FantasyGuru, but from a statistical standpoint, positives are short on Goff's 2016 season. Among qualifying passers with 150 or more attempts in 2016, Goff ranked last in touchdown rate (2.4%), his 3.41% interception rate was 7th-highest, and his 155.6 passing yards/game was third-fewest. Goff's Net YPA—which factors in sacks and weights touchdowns and interceptions—was an abysmal 2.82 in 2016. Since the 1970 merger, there have been only 58 single-season occurrences in which a quarterback has thrown over 200 passes and averaged less than 3.0 Net Yards per Attempt. Goff did not have a lot of help as a rookie, but that is certainly not a list you want to be on.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Goff was brutal last year, and with a revamped receiving corps that includes 2-3 rookies likely in prominent roles, we're not expecting much in year two. But we're also not giving up on Goff as a prospect after just one season (and we have done that in the past with, for example, **Blaine Gabbert**). There are some positives this year with the Rams and Goff. For one, the addition of LT **Andrew Whitworth** should help stabilize their bad OL while protecting Goff's blindside. Goff will also hand the ball off a lot to **Todd Gurley**, and we're not yet giving up on the notion that Gurley can be a transcendent talent. There are some interesting young receiver weapons as well. Most encouraging is new HC **Sean McVay**, in whom we are big believers. The goal for Goff is not to be a major foundation of their offense, but to instead be a solid distributor, like **Kirk Cousins**, and Goff has a shot to eventually play well now that he has a competent staff that can put him in a position to succeed. Of course, all of this is a moot point for fantasy, because Goff is not someone we'd want on our roster unless it was a very deep or 2-QB league.

29. PAXTON LYNCH (DEN, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Lynch is a freak. He's 6'7", 244 pounds and can move well. Lynch ran a 4.86 40-yard dash at the NFL Combine in Indianapolis and tallied 687 rushing yards and 17 rushing TDs in his college career (remember, college stats remove sack yards from rushing totals). But while Lynch has a howitzer for an arm and can move in the pocket, he looked genuinely unready in his first two pro starts in 2016. Still, Lynch was a project coming out and it was well known he needs time to develop. Unfortunately, he has to learn a whole new offense, which could be a major impediment to his development.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Broncos' QB camp battle between Lynch and **Trevor Siemian** will be one to monitor throughout August, since it's a legitimate battle that will help the Broncos make the best decision for the team. Siemian is clearly ahead of Lynch in terms of his understanding of the offense and NFL defenses, but Lynch was a #1 pick, so there will be some pressure to play him. Lynch is still very unpolished and will likely struggle if he wins the job. But he does have a lot of raw talent, will produce some with his legs, and he's in a decent spot behind an upgraded OL with some solid skill players to work with. If it looks like he's going to win the job this August, Lynch will be worth a flyer, but only very late (175+ picks in).

30. MIKE GLENNON (CHI, 27)

TALENT OVERVIEW: As a tall passer with limited mobility and a big arm, Glennon has flashed at times, but has been far from consistent (though that's to be expected from a young QB). He also moved better in the pocket than expected and showed solid pocket awareness overall. Glennon has shown the capacity to handle the thinking portion of the NFL passing game. On the downside, Glennon is a little deliberate and methodical in what he does, doesn't have much mobility, and on film he's had problems dealing with pressure up the middle. It's questionable if he'll make the players around him better, so we understand why the team took a big gamble by moving up in the draft to select **Mitchell Trubisky** with the second overall pick.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Glennon will make starts in 2017 and should actually be the #1 on the Bears' depth chart come Week 1. Chicago does have a solid OL and running game, which should help Glennon. He's posted an encouraging 30/15 TD/INT ratio in his career and possesses strong intangibles such as his leadership and studious approach to football. There's some receiver talent on the roster with **Cam Meredith**, **Kendall Wright**, and hopefully **Kevin White** (plus some other decent pieces), but the safe money is probably on #2 overall pick **Mitchell Trubisky** making more starts than Glennon.

31. CODY KESSLER (CLE, 24)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: In eight starts (keep in mind, he left a few games early due to injury and suffered two concussions), Kessler recorded just one game inside of the top-12 (QB1) weekly fantasy passers. His remaining seven starts all ended up QB20 or worse finishes, five of which were QB25 or worse. He completed 128/195 passes (65.6%) for 1,380 yards (7.1 YPA), 6 TDs, and 2 INTs in 8 starts and 9 appearances. Kessler has a low floor and a low ceiling. It's remarkable that Kessler actually finished slightly above average (7.0) in terms of adjusted YPA (7.23), but that wasn't nearly enough to make him relevant in fantasy.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Kessler has a low floor and a low ceiling for our fantasy purposes. He's sure to make starts in 2017—he's probably the best bet to start Week 1—but he simply doesn't have the physical tools necessary to become an every-week fantasy asset. He can, however, orchestrate the Browns' offense and get the ball to his weapons, much like a **Trevor Siemian** in Denver. That's all we're looking for.

32. DESHONE KIZER (CLE, 21)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Overall, if you're a QB size truther, Kizer is pretty much the only high-end talent you can focus on in this class. His size/arm strength combo was unmatched in the 2017 draft class. And make no mistake, Kizer can make every throw. He has a quick release with a good feel for pocket movement, which is a nice combo with his 4.83 speed. And though he didn't do a ton under center at Notre Dame, coach **Brian Kelly** did employ some NFL-style play-action elements out of the pistol. In all, Kizer is a strong body

who lacks elusiveness, but can be a red-zone threat as a runner based on size alone (he had 18 rushing TDs in college). On the downside, Kizer can occasionally get lazy with his mechanics, locking his front leg. He can also fail to set his weight and sail the ball, a problem that plagued **Carson Wentz** as a rookie. And though Kizer showed poise as a pocket passer, he too often left throws on the field by not pulling the trigger when needed, and that's a problem that will get bigger in the NFL, especially if his decision-making is affected (he forced some throws in college). Kizer is clearly a smart and talented passer, but he needs to work through things quicker at the NFL level if he's going to have a chance to be a high-level starter. He likely needs to be coached, and sitting may be the best thing for him.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We think this is a fantastic spot for Kizer. Make fun of the Browns all you want, but they've built a very nice support system for a young QB. They have decent options at WR and TE, a rock-solid run game, and an offensive line into which they've poured money and draft picks. In addition to all that, the most important piece here is coach **Hue Jackson**, who has earned a positive reputation for developing young QBs. We don't think Kizer is ready to start right away, and we don't expect he will. **Cody Kessler** is almost certain to enter the season as Cleveland's top QB. But as a pure physical specimen, Kizer is way more gifted than Kessler. Kizer is off our redraft radar for now, but we definitely are intrigued by his fit with the Browns' stable of weapons and HC **Hue Jackson**.

33. TREVOR SIEMIAN (DEN, 25)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: In 14 games, missing one game with a left shoulder injury and a foot injury, Siemian posted 289/486 passing for 3,401 yards (59.5%, 7.0 YPA) with 18 TDs and 10 INTs. He added 28/57 rushing to rank 26 among QBs with 17.7 FPG. Siemian was rock solid in real football last year—he managed the offense and played within the design of the scheme—but it didn't lead to many high-end fantasy results. In fact, Siemian finished as a top-12 (QB1) passer just three times in 14 starts. That's fringe stream-worthy production. Siemian was pretty average across the board in terms of adjusted YPA (6.8), touchdown rate (3.7%), and yards/game (243).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Siemian is mostly off our redraft target list, because he lacks a ceiling, but he could be a viable streamer in the right spot. Ultimately, we're expecting the Broncos to see what they have in **Paxton Lynch** at some point in 2017, and it's possible that Denver leans Lynch's way in this position battle due to his lofty draft status as a #1 pick. Unless he's clearly winning this position battle in August, there's no reason to draft Siemian unless capable QBs with a pulse are valuable in your league. Siemian just doesn't have the physical tools to put up massive numbers in fantasy.

34. JOSH MCCOWN (NYJ, 38)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: McCown made only three starts for the Browns in 2016, in which he threw for over 300 yards twice, and he had two multi-touchdown games. McCown wasn't anything special. His 5.8 adjusted YPA was in line with his career average (6.0), but he did exactly what you want a passer with McCown's caliber to do: get the ball to the receivers.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: He'll make some starts and may have some streaming appeal in the right spot, but he's mostly off our radar. The Jets have major issues on OL, at WR, and TE, so this is going to be a tough spot over the long haul for an aged player like McCown. At some point, the team has to evaluate 2016 #2 pick **Christian Hackenberg**, and they likely will this coming fall.

35. MITCHELL TRUBISKY (CHI, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Trubisky may have the highest floor of any QB in this draft outside of **Deshaun Watson**, but his range of outcomes is capped. All in all, Trubisky is a decent thrower with good pocket feel, perhaps as good as any QB has in this class. When executing within the timing and rhythm of North Carolina's offense, he looked comfortable and accurate, consistently making good decisions. Most of the time, he was comfortable executing the offense. But when he wasn't, that's when the flaws started to show. When his early reads weren't there, Trubisky's mechanics tended to break down, as did his decision-making. Trubisky tends to be an upper-body torque thrower, like a **Kirk Cousins**, and gets worse when things aren't as clearly defined early in the down, also like Cousins. An edge Trubisky has on Cousins is his excellent mobility and playmaking ability, as his workout metrics and 8 career rushing TDs indicates. But like Cousins and **Alex Smith**, Trubisky sometimes looks like he's throwing a balloon on deeper throws, which is likely to always be an issue, though cleaning up his mechanics can help (he can lock his front leg). In our view, Trubisky is a supporting-piece QB, the type who needs a good team around him, like Smith and Cousins, and his mobility can add a nice element to a run game (which is why it's interesting the Chiefs have reportedly watched Trubisky work out). He has a good feel for the position, but there are some flaws that likely will keep him from becoming a truly high-level passer.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Bears absolutely view Trubisky differently than we do, as they traded up to get him (giving up multiple picks to move up just one spot), and made him the first QB taken (he was our #3 QB pre-draft). Perhaps the Bears view the success **Kirk Cousins** has had as a good primer for Trubisky in that he can be surrounded by talent and become more of a distributor. The Bears will still operate through the run game with **Jordan Howard**, and their offensive line is at the least decent. The question is the receiving corps. For just 2017, we think Trubisky has the second-best chance to start a full season among rookies (behind **Deshaun Watson**). The Bears did sign **Mike Glennon** to a big contract this offseason, and for what it's worth are still calling Glennon their starting QB. But a team doesn't often draft a guy #2 overall and sit him for long. Trubisky will play this year; it's just a matter of when. And though we have questions about his upside, there is a playmaking element to his game that could translate to some low-end fantasy success.

36. CHRISTIAN HACKENBERG (NYJ, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: If you watched Hackenberg's best 50 throws from his time at Penn State in succession, you'd be convinced he's the best QB prospect in years. If you watched his worst 50, you'd think he was completely undraftable. Obviously there's some degree of that with any prospect, but it's heightened significantly with Hackenberg. As a freshman under **Bill O'Brien**, Hackenberg essentially ran the Patriots' offense with a lot of under-center work and multi-step drops. The last two years with the Lions under **James Franklin**'s spread system, Hackenberg struggled behind a bad line and typically out of the shotgun. The system also "allowed" Hackenberg to play with horrendous mechanics, something that's common in these spread offenses. Hackenberg has awful footwork and lower-body mechanics, but has the arm to make up for it, so he never really worked his way through it. Because of this, his accuracy is poor at best, often throwing behind receivers in stride, limiting YAC. While he has arguably the best arm strength of any prospect in this class, the accuracy is just too scattershot to really trust it. While Hackenberg's legs won't scare defenses, he actually threw better on the run, because it forced him to reset his mechanics, and the results were generally good. On the upside, Hackenberg showed incredible mental toughness and strength, often staring down the gun barrel with pressure in his face.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We're betting all three of Hackenberg, **Josh McCown**, and **Bryce Petty** make starts in 2017, and we're betting against any of them being relevant for fantasy. The Jets need to see if Hack can play, but it'd be a surprise if he's anything above poor given the reports we've heard.

37. MATT BARKLEY (SF, 27)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Barkley is what we thought he was. He's capable of putting together a stretch of good play, but ultimately regresses back into his turnover-prone ways. Barkley made six starts for the Bears in 2016 in

which he tossed 8 TDs to 12 INTs and posted a below-average 5.72 adjusted YPA. Barkley was reasonably sharp in his first three starts. He had a 4/2 TD/INT ratio and averaged 6.83 adjusted YPA, but he fell apart in his final three starts (4 TDs to 10 INTs, 4.54 AY/A).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Unless **Kyle Shanahan** pulls some of his classic offensive genius with Barkley—he's arguably done more with less than he has now in San Francisco—we can likely ignore him when (or if) he starts a few games in 2017. Barkley will open the year as a backup to **Brian Hoyer** in all likelihood.

38. TOM SAVAGE (HOU, 27)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: In two main appearances in 2016 (one start, one game in relief of **Brock Osweiler**), Savage failed to throw a touchdown pass and didn't elevate the offense around him. Unluckily for Savage, however, he suffered a concussion in Week 17 against Tennessee and didn't start in either of the Texans' two playoff games versus Oakland and New England. While Savage averaged 7.2 and 6.1 adjusted YPA in his two full starts, Osweiler managed just 5.0 adjusted YPA on his 510 attempts in 2016.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Savage may end up being the Texans' starter in Week 1 if **Bill O'Brien** doesn't think **Deshaun Watson** is ready. Regardless, we fully expect the keys to Houston's proverbial car to be handed over to Watson early on in Houston's 2017 campaign, which means Savage's fantasy value is about nil, barring an injury to Watson at some point.

39. BRYCE PETTY (NYJ, 26)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Petty mostly struggled in his four starts, but he also wasn't playing with a full supporting cast. He completed 75/133 passes (56.4%) for 809 yards (6.1 YPA), 3 TDs, and 7 INTs for 9.1 FPG. Petty did land on the IR after Week 16, as he needed surgery to repair a torn labrum in his non-throwing shoulder, which could limit him in the Jets offseason program. In the four games in which he had over 25+ passes in 2016, Petty's weekly QB finishes were completely uninspiring: QB23, QB28, QB16, and QB29.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Ultimately, Petty isn't anything special as a thrower, and he'll compete with **Josh McCown** and **Christian Hackenberg** for starts in 2017. But, unless the Jets magically have the next **Jerry Rice** or **Randy Moss** waiting in the wings on their wideout depth chart, exactly zero of their quarterbacks are attractive in fantasy football this year. Petty is just one of them.

40. JIMMY GAROPPOLO (NE, 25)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Again, this is a very limited sample, but in his two starts, Garoppolo's numbers look quite good. Against the Cardinals and Dolphins, Garoppolo threw 4 touchdowns (0 interceptions) and averaged a robust 9.76 adjusted YPA. Keep in mind that his start against Miami was cut short due to an injury sustained after he attempted 26 passes. We still don't really know what type of player Garoppolo is, but he was more than competent in his body of work in 2016.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: He'll obviously need an injury to **Tom Brady** to have any relevance in 2017, but Garoppolo proved in 2016 that he's more than capable of putting up big numbers in a pinch. With the Patriots once again employing one of the NFL's deepest sets of receiving weapons, Garoppolo would be one of the most popular streaming and DFS QBs if Brady were to be unavailable for whatever reason.

41. BROCK OSWEILER (CLE, 26)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: In 14 regular season starts, Brock Osweiler finished as a top-12 (QB1) passer just once. Osweiler failed to eclipse 275 passing yards in a single game in 2016 and he was bottom 5th among all quarterbacks in the following efficiency categories: touchdown rate, interception rate, and adjusted YPA. Osweiler, **Ryan Fitzpatrick**, and **Colin Kaepernick** were the only three quarterbacks to appear in 10 or more games in 2016 but fail to average 200 yards passing per contest.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Now in Cleveland, Osweiler will "compete" with **Cody Kessler** and **Deshone Kizer**, but that's likely just coach-speak since the Browns "traded" for him. We'd be surprised if Osweiler started games this season. For fantasy purposes, and for the sake of his receivers, it would absolutely be best if Osweiler stayed off the field in 2017. The Browns probably think so, too.

42. PATRICK MAHOMES (KC, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: If you're laying a big bet on Mahomes, you're betting on him being an exception to the rule. In terms of arm strength and movement ability, Mahomes is the most gifted passer in the entire 2017 draft class. He makes some near-impossible throws look easy, and if you squint, you can see an **Aaron Rodgers**-like laser attached to his right arm. Despite no feel for mechanics at all, Mahomes was generally a very accurate passer in college. The Chiefs spent plenty of capital trading up to get Mahomes at 10th overall, which absolutely suggests head coach Andy Reid sees quite a bit of upside in Mahomes. But there are still reasons to be concerned here. The Chiefs' are betting on Mahomes to: 1) be able to play in the NFL without pocket presence (that takes time to develop), and 2) transition from the Air Raid offense to the league. It's next to impossible to play in the NFL with zero awareness and few passers have had success coming from the Air Raid offense in college. Our guess is the Chiefs have a plan of restraint, as **Alex Smith** is the starter for now. Mahomes has a massive skillset and major upside but he needs to learn how to harness it before he has a chance to reach it.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Mahomes certainly has the skill-set needed to play in the NFL, but he needs significant refinement. If **Alex Smith** is mediocre once more, the Mahomes chants will begin quickly in Arrowhead. He has both the arm strength and the mobility to be a tantalizing fantasy asset, but early in his career, we'd anticipate more inconsistency than anything else.

43. JOSHUA DOBBS (PIT, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: A high-character prospect, there seems to be no doubt whatsoever that Dobbs will work his tail off to get better, but development time is expected. His delivery can get wonky, and his sloppy mechanics will lead to turnovers at the NFL level. Dobbs has a big arm and great movement ability, but he needs a ton of work, otherwise. Fortunately, he has the smarts to work through his issues. Should he get onto the field as a rookie, however, his mobility could give him some surprise fantasy value.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: It would take a lot for Dobbs to see the field as a rookie, as he's behind both **Ben Roethlisberger** and decent backup, **Landry Jones**. That said, Ben's health issues are obvious, and all it may take is a fluke injury to Jones for Dobbs to get out there. He probably won't see the field in 2017, but if he does, the Steelers' passing offense will be condensed drastically. Any fantasy upside would come from Dobbs' legs.

44. DEREK ANDERSON (CAR, 34)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: In four spot starts with the Panthers over the last three years, Anderson has thrown for 1,190 yards, 7 scores, and 5 interceptions to accompany a decent 7.1 adjusted YPA in those contests.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Anderson is one of the better #2 quarterbacks in the league. The Panthers offense will be fine for a game or two if Anderson is called to start again in relief of **Cam Newton**, but he has never really put strong starts together in succession since that one magical year in Cleveland.

45. MATT MOORE (MIA, 33)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Without taking starter snaps in practice all year, Moore threw for multiple touchdown passes in all three of his starts in place of **Ryan Tannehill** and averaged a strong 8.52 adjusted YPA (league average is 7.0). Tannehill had been nearly invincible in his first four seasons, with Moore attempting just 11 combined passes between 2013-2015. Moore led the Dolphins to three victories in his four starts as Tannehill's replacement before turning it over three times in Miami's Wild Card Round loss. Moore finished the season completing 55/87 of his passes (63.2%) for 721 yards (8.3 YPA), 8 TDs, and 3 INTs in three starts and four regular season appearances.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: If Moore is called into duty again in 2017, he may just have some streaming appeal against a below-average secondary. Moore can certainly run the offense and get the ball to his weapons, and he didn't hurt the fantasy prospects of his receivers at all in 2016 when he was pressed into action.

46. RYAN FITZPATRICK (TB, 34)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Jets were forced to bet on Fitzpatrick last summer, and they clearly lost the bet. They brought Fitz back and paid him $12 million for 17 interceptions and just 12 TDs in what was a disastrous season—they paid $1 million for every TD. The Jets were one of the worst quarterbacked teams in the league this last season, starting with the veteran Fitzpatrick. He completed 229/404 passes (56.7%) for 2,709 yards, 12 TDs, and 17 INTs for 14.0 FPG in 14 games. Fitz averaged a pathetic .49 fantasy points per pass attempt—the league average was .53—and he averaged 6.7 YPA. He threw a league-high 6 INTs inside the red zone, and he finished with a league-low 69.6 passer rating among qualified players. Fitz got benched in-game two separate times, and he forced too many throws once again. The difference this season was that opposing defenses actually held onto the passes they had chances to pick off, as he had a ton of luck on his side in 2015.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Fitzpatrick is arguably like **Jameis Winston** as a passer in terms of aggression and willingness to press the ball downfield, but just significantly worse at actually doing it. Fitz is a fine backup, but nothing more, but at least would be throwing to one of the league's most intriguing sets of weapons should he have to make some starts here. He's been fantasy-relevant in the past, though rostering him is enough to induce heartburn.

47. NICK FOLES (PHI, 28)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: With the Chiefs in 2016, Foles appeared in three games, starting one. He posted a solid 36/55 passing for 410 yards with 3 TDs and 0 INTs. Though a small sample, his 7.5 YPA was his second-best career number after his ridiculous 2013 campaign with Philly.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Foles may be a decent backup, but the Eagles offense will take a massive hit if he sees the field, since he just doesn't have the natural ability of **Carson Wentz**. That said, the line in front of him is good, and the weaponry for the Eagles was greatly improved this offseason. That could make him appealing enough as a streaming option for a couple of weeks.

48. A.J. MCCARRON (CIN, 27)

TALENT OVERVIEW: The question with McCarron, as it has been with many **Nick Saban** "brain-first" QBs, is about the extent of his upside. Fortunately, McCarron showed some flashes in his brief tenure as a starter with the Bengals in 2015. He's comfortable working under center and out of the shotgun. McCarron throws with anticipation, can hit the open receiver, and his accuracy is excellent at the intermediate level. He moves well within the pocket with a good internal clock, and he doesn't drop his eyes to the pass rush or fall away from his throws. McCarron certainly doesn't have the strongest arm in the league, but his lack of arm strength has been overplayed (much like with **Andy Dalton**). However, he does have some shaky mechanics, which hurts his deep ball, accuracy, and velocity, so he does have some limitations as a passer (McCarron's biggest mechanical issue is a long release). He'll never beat defenses with his feet, as he's just an average athlete, but he's not a complete stiff in the pocket.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: He can run the offense in a spot start or two if **Andy Dalton** goes down, and in that instance McCarron will be a streaming-type QB. That said, when he had to play in 2015, he proved competent, and while the Bengal offensive line took a big hit this offseason, the weapons around him improved in a significant way. We wouldn't be shocked if McCarron becomes a DFS darling for a few weeks in the event of a Dalton injury, but ultimately he's limited by a middling skillset.

49. NATHAN PETERMAN (BUF, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Peterman lands in an interesting QB room, in that there's a competent starter the Bills aren't fully sold on in **Tyrod Taylor**. There's also second-year man **Cardale Jones**, who is pretty much the exact opposite of Peterman in that he has elite physical tools but lacks refinement. Peterman has the stereotypical "toughness and poise" teams look for from a pocket passer, and dropped back from under center a lot more than most of the top prospects in the 2017 class. There's a polish to his game that even the top prospects lack, and teams will love that about him. However, he has just an average arm and occasionally overreacts to perceived pressure and forces throws too early. Though he had some pre-draft hype, Peterman's 5th-round status suggests the NFL views his upside as very limited. He may not have the arm strength required to be even an average starter in the NFL.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Peterman will compete with **Cardale Jones** for the #2 gig behind **Tyrod Taylor**. He should be a long-term backup, and he could even beat out Jones for the #2 job here, but he's a long shot to start games as a rookie. Should he have to play in 2017, the Bills will likely be even more run heavy than usual.

50. CONNOR COOK (OAK, 24)

TALENT OVERVIEW: On his college tape, Cook showed solid to excellent pocket movement, which coaches will absolutely love. Cook also seemed oblivious to pressure, keeping his eyes downfield with the rush around him, using his eyes to move and manipulate defenders, all while under pressure. He showed consistent improvement in these areas, and in some respects he may be more "pro ready" than anyone else in the class in that department. While Cook won't provide consistent fantasy value with his legs, he does well enough throwing on the move. He has solid touch, and as a decision-maker, he improved throughout his career. On the downside, Cook exhibits poor footwork, leading him to be an "arm thrower" on far too many occasions. That's a concern for anyone, but Cook's arm strength is just decent, and it becomes poor when he doesn't step into throws. Cook will take awful risks at times, and to this point he isn't a particularly good anticipation thrower. At the end of the day, Cook is a middling NFL passing talent who will be best served as a career backup. In his rookie year, Cook was wholly unprepared for battle in his spot start in place of the injured **Derek Carr** in the playoffs, looking erratic, uncomfortable, and unequipped to yet deal with NFL defenses.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: If Cook is relevant in 2017, you'll know the world has collapsed for the Raiders. He didn't impress in his lone 2016 start (in the playoffs), and he still will need to beat out **EJ Manuel** for Oakland's top backup job. Ultimately, we think he'll be a solid NFL backup, but we really aren't sure he'll ever develop into even a decent starter.

RUNNING BACKS

Devonta Freeman

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1. DAVID JOHNSON (ARI, 25)

TALENT OVERVIEW: On his college film, Johnson was a very unique prospect. Despite his massive frame (6'1", 224 lbs.), Johnson didn't play like a big back. Instead, he was used in a ton of different ways: taking standard carries, running from out of the shotgun, fly sweeps, splitting out wide, going in motion, etc. It was evident very early when watching Johnson that he was a space player with the frame of a power back. Well, that has changed in the pros, as he has shown much better instincts as an interior runner than we thought he had. While no one will call him a pure "power" guy, he's big enough to absorb hits—at Northern Iowa, he handled over *1000* career touches, a ridiculous number. Simply put, the man is a matchup nightmare. He's a very talented route runner capable of easily shaking off linebackers and leaving himself wide open out of the backfield. Once he gets to the open field, he can use his exceptional speed and agility to elude tackles. He's also a very willing blocker. Coming out of Northern Iowa, we thought he was a talented player who would make an impact as a rotational back. Well, it's apparent Johnson is now much more than that. He's perhaps the most versatile back in the entire league.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: DJ is good. That's really all there is to it. Something will have to go hideously wrong in 2017 if he isn't the #1 overall pick for fantasy in basically any format. In 16 games, he posted 293/1239/16 rushing (4.2 YPC) and 80/879/4 receiving on 118 targets (11 YPR, 67.8% catch rate) to finish with 25.7 FPG. He finished the season ranked #2 behind **Le'Veon Bell**, but keep in mind DJ was averaging 27 FPG before Week 17, which he left after just 8 touches due to a knee injury (which looked more serious than it actually was). He finished as a top-12 RB a staggering *14* times and was the top overall RB *six* times. In games DJ started and finished; he had no fewer than 101 yards from scrimmage. He scored multiple TDs in eight games, and went scoreless in only six. And again, aside from the injury-shortened Week 17, he had 100 yards from scrimmage in *every game*, so even if he didn't score a TD, he came through for you. Despite his consistent 100-yard dominance, DJ didn't have a single game with 200 yards from scrimmage. That's seriously the worst thing we can say about his incredible season. DJ played 83.8% of Arizona's offensive snaps including his brief Week 17 appearance. Johnson's biggest regret from the year according to Twitter was that he fell short of a 1000-yard rushing and 1000-yard receiving season. Let's see if he can fix that in 2017!

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: With a huge role guaranteed again in '17, and the skills he has to take full advantage of his heavy involvement, the only question with Johnson is his ability to stay on the field. And considering his Week 17 knee injury that appeared career threatening turned out to be just a sprained MCL, there's nothing that indicates his durability is a problem. It's also unrealistic to assume he can match 2016's incredible production, but since he'll be the focal point of a good offense—and isn't at the mercy of game flow or the coaches giving someone else meaningful touches in the backfield—Johnson's going to make a good run at equaling last year's insane digits. He can confidently be taken 1st overall in PPR or non-PPR leagues.

2. EZEKIEL ELLIOTT (DAL, 21)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Last year, we made the on-the-surface argument that Elliott is a better prospect than **Todd Gurley**. That played out in 2016. Gurley was more of a "freakish" athlete, but Elliott seems to have more polish and a better handle on the position overall. In fact, it's hard to find a *single* legitimate weakness in Elliott's game when watching him. Elliott reads blocks well, navigates through trash at the point of attack, and changes direction effortlessly. He's both patient and decisive, making him a fine fit for zone or gap schemes. Elliott stops and starts on a dime with loose hips and elusiveness and keeps his eyes upfield at all times. He showed the consistent ability to slip tackles in the backfield, often with multiple moves before even reaching the line of scrimmage. Elliott does the "jump back" move very effectively, hopping backwards in the face of a defender while still keeping his eyes focused on his next hole. He has great balance and recovery ability, thanks to his generally low center of gravity. Elliott's also a stellar blocker, and an early-season fumble problem was cleaned up by the end of the year. Off-field maturity and conduct issues notwithstanding (including an ongoing domestic violence investigation), Elliott is pretty much as well rounded as RBs get.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Cowboys were criticized for using a top-5 pick on a running back in this day and age of the "replaceable" asset at the position, but it was obvious from the time they made the pick that they wanted to replicate the success they had with an efficient QB and dominant run game behind the NFL's best offensive line in 2014. Well, they got that part right with Elliott, who played in 15 games (sitting the final game because it was meaningless) and led the NFL in rushing with 1631 yards. He carried 322 times for those 1631 yards (5.1 YPC) and 15 TDs. He added 32/363/1 receiving on 40 targets to rank 3rd among RBs with 21.8 FPG. Elliott played 71.3% of the Cowboys' snaps when actually taking part in the game, so he was *clearly* a true bell cow back. On the season, Elliott finished as a top-12 RB in PPR 11 times, and finished outside of the top 24 just once in Week 14. He was a blind 1st-round pick for fantasy in August, and paid off that investment beautifully. Elliott ran for 100 or more yards seven times, failed to top 100 yards from scrimmage just four times, and in every game in which he *didn't* top 100 yards from scrimmage, he scored at least 1 TD. At 0.47 FP/snap, he was behind only **Devonta Freeman** and **LeSean McCoy** among RBs with 500 or more snaps. He and Dallas' elite offensive line make a ridiculous combo, since the line opens gigantic holes for him, and Elliott always finishes his runs. So though the QB in 2016 was **Dak Prescott** instead of **Tony Romo**, Elliott did an amazing **DeMarco Murray** mock-2014 impression for the Cowboys. Everything lined up perfectly for the Cowboys, who overall were ridiculously healthy. Well, except for that Romo guy.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Assuming everything stays the same, Elliott is a slam-dunk 1st-round pick, and almost certainly top 3. However, he remains under investigation by the league for an alleged domestic violence incident that predates his time in the NFL, and a suspension is possible. That will be the #1 story of the Cowboys' offseason, but there have been several other worrisome stories about Zeke, including a couple of minor car accidents this offseason. Otherwise, while it won't be easy to replicate what he did last year, especially since Dallas lost two starters on their OL, Elliott certainly has the talent to keep things rolling in an equally-positive way. A key should be his receiving work. If he comes up a little short as a runner behind a reshuffled and inferior OL, he can make up for any production deficiencies with 1–2 more looks a week in the passing game, and his role in the passing game is expected to grow. He's a slam-dunk top-5 pick in all formats.

3. LE'VEON BELL (PIT, 25)

TALENT OVERVIEW: While Bell has lost about 20 lbs. since arriving in the NFL (he's 6'1", 225 according to Pittsburgh's official roster), the guy is still extremely tough to bring down. The one asset Bell has that really makes us love him are his light feet, which are typically a characteristic of backs that are 25 lbs. lighter than him. That's mostly good, but there are some negatives to that as well. 1) Bell isn't a *punishing* runner, despite his size. He's going to break tackles because of his frame, but he doesn't necessarily lower his shoulder the way **Jerome Bettis** did in his heyday. 2) He runs too high at times, begging for big hits. Remember his nasty concussion on Thanksgiving in 2013? But ultimately, his light feet and play style make him someone you want on your fantasy roster, and the last two years he's showed more elusiveness in a phone booth than we ever thought possible. Additionally, he's an exceptional receiver for someone his size, which helps him stay on the field in third-and-long situations. He's a true three-down back with excellent vision and balance, and given the total package, he may be the most complete back in the league. He just has to stay healthy and out of trouble.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Steelers absolutely ran Bell into the ground from Week 11 on in (six regular season games and two postseason contests), so we can't say it was totally shocking that the wear and tear finally caught up to him the week of the AFC Championship. He missed practices before the title game and eventually left early with a groin injury after just 11 snaps. It's essentially the third straight season that the Steelers haven't had Bell in their final game. At least he's not dealing with a major knee injury this time, and he should have a normal offseason heading into 2017. Bell finished with 261/1268/7 rushing (4.9 YPC) and 75/616/2 receiving on 94 targets (79.8% catch rate, 8.2 YPR) in just 12 games, missing the first three games to suspension and the season finale for rest. He averaged a whopping 26.5 FPG, finishing as the top RB ahead of **David Johnson**. Bell finished only 114 yards shy of 2000 scrimmage yards despite missing four games. Bell played on an unreal 96% of the snaps, saw a 16.3% target share, and had 44.56% of the team's touches. Bell averaged an impressive .94 fantasy points per touch—the league average for the position was .70. Bell turned in the best fantasy game of 2016 with his 51.8 FP effort against the Bills, going off for 38/236/3 rushing and 4/62 receiving. He topped 20+ FP in nine of his 12 games, and his worst performance was a 13 FP performance against the Ravens in Week 9. Bell averaged a ridiculous 28.9 FPG on 220/1172/8 rushing and 34/259/1 receiving in his final six regular games and his first two postseason games. That means that Bell was averaging an absurd 31.8 touches per game in his final eight contests, a 509-touch pace for a 16-game span, which is simply unsustainable for an entire season.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We've run out of superlatives for Bell, who we've backed for fantasy from Day One in Pittsburgh. The production is at such a high level that there's nowhere else for him to reside than in our top-7 players overall. However, Bell isn't the cleanest top pick you'll find. In addition to his fairly lengthy history of injuries, he's also been suspended twice and could be one slipup away from missing significant time (like eight games). There seems to be some trepidation on Pittsburgh's part to sign him to a long-term extension, as he plays 2017 on their franchise tag. But, if he's on the field and at his best or close to his best, he'll produce big numbers thanks to his versatility and the strength of the Steeler offense and offensive line.

4. DEVONTA FREEMAN (ATL, 25)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Freeman has good vision and instincts to set his blocks up, and he has a short-area burst to get downhill in a hurry. He doesn't have breakaway speed for his size, but he makes up for it with his ability to pick up chunks of yardage through traffic. Freeman actually has some **Frank Gore** in him because of his vision inside, and he makes defenders miss in the hole and refuses to go down on first contact. In all, he's a natural player with the ball in his hands, who plays much bigger than his size. Additionally, he's a strong, willing pass protector and an excellent receiver. That's where the majority of Freeman's long-term value will come for fantasy, even if he continues to rotate snaps with **Tevin Coleman**, as he did in 2016.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Freeman was inarguably one of fantasy football's best running backs for a second-straight year. He did not bookend his RB1 season in 2015 with a top-3 2016 performance, but he did post rock-solid RB7 (FPG) returns. Freeman scored at least 8 FPs in all but one game in 2016, and he owned one of the best floor/ceiling combinations at the position once again. Freeman ended 2016 with 11 top-24 (RB2 or better) weeks, six of which were top-8 performances. For reference, Freeman had 11 top-24 performances in his fantastic season in 2015, but 10 of those games were RB1 (top-12) weeks. Freeman had six top-12 weeks in all of 2016. While Freeman didn't see 24 opportunities (attempts plus targets) per game like he did in 2015, he still averaged a robust 18.3 opportunities per game and was one of the most voluminous red-zone backs in the league. Freeman ended the 2016 season 2nd in total red-zone carries (61) and 3rd in carries inside the opponents' 10-yard line (18). Only **David Johnson** and **LeGarrette Blount** saw more carries inside the 10-yard line than Freeman.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: There was some concern this time last year that Freeman would be overvalued on the heels of a true breakout 2015 campaign. But 16 regular season games later, we got the results, and he was properly valued with an ADP of around 12–20 overall. He didn't deliver the same fantastic results in 2017 as he did the year before, but no one had any problems with their 2nd-round pick of Freeman in 2016 (or even their late 1st-round pick). We're fully expecting a drop-off in production from their dream '16 season with OC **Kyle Shanahan**, but it's still hard not to give Freeman love. Even harder is finding more than 4–5 RBs who should be ranked over Freeman. The guy balled out last year and is highly motivated to show us even more game in the final year of his rookie contract.

5. JAY AJAYI (MIA, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: We loved Ajayi predraft in 2015, before reports of serious concerns about the stability of his knee (torn ACL in 2011 and cartilage issues) became public. The injury issue ostensibly caused him to plummet down the draft board, as he was a potential 2nd-round pick prior to the reports. Then, unrelated injury problems sidelined him early as a rookie, though he broke out as a second-year player in 2016. Ajayi has a big back's frame, but he plays more like a smaller back, with jump cuts, light feet, and incredible contact balance, thanks to his wide base. Ajayi has credited his footwork to growing up in England as a soccer player before his family moved to America, and it's easy to see. While he doesn't have exceptional long speed, Ajayi is elusive and exhibits great vision in the open field, which will lead to some longer gains. Ajayi has a lot of wiggle, but he's also willing to fight through tackles and fall forward upon contact, so there's a physical element to his game, even if you wouldn't consider him a "power" back. On occasion, Ajayi looks a little "limb-y" and deliberate but manages to keep control of his body with the ball in his hands. One of the big drawbacks to Ajayi in the pros has been ball security, both as a fumbler and in the passing game. Despite being a productive receiver in college, he has looked unnatural in that area in his pro career.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Dolphins season took off after they essentially gave the reins of this offense to Ajayi in Week 6. He was definitely on our radar this summer playing with the always-hurt **Arian Foster**, but Ajayi had an absolutely miserable preseason, and HC **Adam Gase** left him at home for the season opener in Seattle. Gase started getting Ajayi involved in Week 2, and it wasn't long before he became the starter over the ineffective Foster who retired midseason. Starting in Week 6, Ajayi became the bell cow back in the backfield, and he immediately rewarded the move with consecutive 200+ rushing yard games. He ended up with three 200+ rushing yard games, and **Le'Veon Bell** was the only other player to reach that milestone in 2016. Ajayi finished with 260/1272/8 rushing (4.9 YPC) and 27/151/0 receiving (77.1% catch rate, 5.6 YPR) in 15 games. He averaged 14.5 FPG, ranking him 16th at the position behind **Tevin Coleman** and **C.J. Anderson**. From Week 6 on, he averaged 16.7 FPG, ranking him 7th at the position. He played on 65% of the snaps, had a 7.7% target share, and saw a whopping 43.16% of the team's touches. Ajayi averaged an impressive .37 fantasy points per snap—the league average for the position was .24. According to Pro Football Focus, Ajayi led the league in yards per carry after contact with a ridiculous 3.5 yards after contact. He averaged 4.9 YPC and 84.8 rushing yards per game (5th). Overall, the Dolphins ranked 9th in rushing yards per game (114) and 8th in rushing yards per attempt (4.5). He did struggle a bit at the end of the season with the offensive line fighting through injuries, most notably C **Mike Pouncey**. Ajayi hit 15+ FPs just one time in his final eight starts after hitting 22+ FPs in all three games from Weeks 6–9.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Less than two months before his impressive breakout in 2016, Ajayi was a borderline disaster for the Dolphins, drawing the ire of his head coach and looking like he was in way over his head in the preseason and early on in the regular season. But something magical happened once he got a real opportunity. Perhaps that was just what the doctor ordered because

as soon as the light bulb clicked on, his high-end talent shined bright. While Ajayi did pad his 2016 stats with a few huge games, we're expecting continued improvement from him this year, particularly in the passing game, where his potential is untapped (he caught 72 balls in two years as the lead back in college). Miami went run-heavy with Ajayi in 2016, but in Year Two of **Adam Gase's** offense, we expect more support for Ajayi from **Ryan Tannehill** and the passing game, which will help lighten up the boxes he has to run through. Behind what should be a good OL in an offense that could sneak up on some people this year, we're bullish on Ajayi's ability to deliver solid returns from one of the league's few true bell cow RBs on what should be an early 2nd-round investment.

6. MELVIN GORDON (LAC, 24)

TALENT OVERVIEW: We were lower on Gordon than most entering the NFL, and those concerns played out in his rookie season in 2015. However, Gordon made the improvements he needed to in 2016. First of all, Gordon's natural quickness and explosive vertical speed are negated the further inside he runs—it was made worse behind a banged-up Charger OL in 2015. While Gordon has size and is an aggressive runner, he doesn't have the power of a **Todd Gurley** type of back, and he can't break tackles with ease until he gets his legs going. He also lacks the lateral agility to make defenders miss in the short area, so he's not going to have true "breakaway" runs unless they're well blocked. However, he completely changed his M.O. in 2016, becoming a truly *nasty* runner, inviting and bouncing off of contact. We never thought Gordon shied away from contact, but he actively sought it out in 2016. Though fumbles continue to be an issue for him, he also made major strides as a receiver. He became a true three-down weapon.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The final year for the Chargers in San Diego was disappointing in more ways than one, but Gordon was at least someone who showed up to play on a consistent basis, in a true breakout season. The Chargers were left shorthanded when **Danny Woodhead** tore his ACL in Week 2, but Gordon, coming off an insanely disappointing rookie season, managed to break out and ease the pain. In 13 games, Gordon finished with 254/997/10 rushing (3.9 YPC) and 41/419/2 receiving on 57 targets (10.2 YPR, 71.9% catch rate) to finish 5th among RBs with 19.6 FPG. Gordon followed up a touchdown goose-egg in his rookie campaign with 12 TDs in 2016, and he ran *hard*, displaying a significant increase in power and decisiveness, even behind a shaky offensive line. Gordon had eight finishes as a top-12 RB in 13 games, including two finishes as the #1 overall PPR RB. With 20 goal-line carries and 9 TDs in that area, Gordon finished 3rd behind only **LeGarrette Blount** and **David Johnson** in each category. Unfortunately, he likely would have finished better if he didn't miss the final three games of the regular season (and most of a fourth) when he went down with hip and knee injuries in Week 14. It ended Gordon's season 3 yards shy of a 1000-yard campaign, and unfortunately it ended a lot of fantasy seasons in their tracks after Gordon was a legitimate RB1 for the entire season up until the fantasy playoffs. But we'll choose to look back on Gordon's season fondly, as he showed why the Chargers traded up to draft him in 2015. He ran for 100 or more yards three times, and added 100 yards from scrimmage in three more games. In the seven games in which Gordon *didn't* tally 100 yards from scrimmage, he scored at least 1 TD in four of them. At a 75.1% snap share when active, Gordon was a *clear* bell cow.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: As impressive as Gordon's 2016 season was, there were still some negatives that fantasy owners need to consider when they handicap him for 2017. For one, while his new-found power and toughness was a positive in 2016, his 3.9 YPC was still mediocre. He now sits at only 3.7 YPC on 438 career carries and looks more like a grinder than the home-run hitter he was supposed to be coming out of Wisconsin. More importantly, he suffered a serious injury for the second year in a row (microfracture knee surgery right after his rookie season). There's little doubt Gordon can produce with major volume, and he'll definitely receive a boatload of touches—in an improved offense behind an upgraded OL—since the Chargers are very thin at the position behind him. But that leads us back to durability. Can this guy hold up? That's still a question, but at least we know he'll produce strong numbers if he's healthy and on the field, and while he's had some bad injury luck, it's not like he's a fragile guy who's always on the injury report.

7. LESEAN MCCOY (BUF, 29)

TALENT OVERVIEW: McCoy's next-level lateral explosiveness and ability to make defenders look foolish in the open field are his best traits. In Buffalo, McCoy has been much better at following his blockers than he was in Philly in his final year. Because of his natural wiggle, McCoy minimizes the "bad" contact that many volume RBs take on, so he's been pretty durable in his career, though several injury problems popped up the last two seasons. However, in recent years his ball security has been an issue, and he's been merely average as a receiver the last few years, despite a bit of a bounceback in 2016. He's also not great in short yardage, which can hurt his fantasy bottom line, especially since the Bills employed **Mike Gillislee**. Nonetheless, McCoy was spectacular in 2016.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: It's hard to believe that Shady had a 3rd-round ADP last summer, but he was an undervalued player coming off a sub-par 2015 campaign in his first season as a Bill. McCoy really found his groove in this Bills offense in his second year, looking as elusive as he ever has by making defenders miss tackles on what felt like every run. **Le'Veon Bell**, **David Johnson**, and **Ezekiel Elliott** clearly established themselves as the top RBs in 2016, but Shady led the next tier behind those younger backs. He finished with 234/1267/13 rushing (5.4 YPC) and 50/356/1 receiving on 57 targets (87.7% catch rate, 7.1 YPR) in 15 games. After two below-average seasons as a receiver, he got back to his old form when he averaged 54.4 catches a season in his first five years in the league. McCoy averaged 19.8 FPG, ranking him 4th at the position behind the Big 3 and ahead of **Melvin Gordon**. Shady averaged an impressive 1.04 fantasy points per touch—the league average for the position was .70. He played on 65% of the snaps, had a 12.7% target share, and saw a hefty 42.60% of the team's touches. Shady went for 100+ rushing yards seven times, had 4+ catches six times, and went over 20+ FP eight times this season. McCoy managed to piece together a great campaign despite dealing with some minor injuries. He missed a game in Week 8 because of a hamstring injury, but he initially suffered the injury back in Week 6, and they unwisely rushed him back for Week 7 and he predictably aggravated the injury. He also needed surgery for a dislocated thumb before Week 12, but he still played and had a great game against the Jags (19/103/2 rushing). Finally, he suffered a high-ankle sprain in a meaningless Week 17 game after just 5 carries. LeSean ended up leaving two games very early and **Mike Gillislee** started vulturing goal-line carries and TDs from him around mid-season, otherwise McCoy could've easily ranked up with Bell, DJ, and Zeke in the top RB tier.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We're normally concerned about 29-year old RBs with McCoy's career workload, but in his case, we're going to make an exception. The Bills are set up well for McCoy to get some solid production, so we're still optimistic about his fantasy chances. Running behind one of the 10 best OLs in the business and with a pair of bruising FBs added in free agency to help clear paths for him, a healthy McCoy is a lock to produce with volume, especially now that TD vulture **Mike Gillislee** is gone. Even more encouraging, the new offense in Buffalo should entail more pass targets for Shady. McCoy has a 78-catch season on his NFL resume, so it's conceivable that he can outscore the field at this position if things go perfectly. For good measure, those who take McCoy should be inclined to grab and hold talented second-year man **Jonathan Williams**, who barring a surprise or another player added, should pick up most of the slack if McCoy goes down.

8. JORDAN HOWARD (CHI, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: A downhill "track runner," Howard has an exceptional feel for the outside zone game. He gets downhill quickly, he's a punishing finisher who always seems to run through contact, and he falls forward when he does go down. We're looking at an incredibly productive player who runs violently, but a player whose own violent style has taken him off the field, much like **DeMarco Murray**. Unfortunately, Howard struggles as a receiver, which differentiates him from Murray, but he showed as a rookie that he can be an excellent early-down foundation back, at the very least.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Howard was quite the revelation as a 5th-round pick, breaking **Matt Forte**'s team rookie rushing records after taking full control of this backfield after an ineffective **Jeremy Langford** injured his ankle in Week 3. Howard actually started the season as the #3 RB behind Langford and **Ka'Deem Carey**, but he quickly rose to the every-down role. Howard never relinquished the job, and he ranked as the #8 fantasy RB with 16.5 FPG as a starter from Week 4 on. In his 13 games as a starter, he reached 100+ total yards 10 times and had 99 yards in another game. His only real rough spot came in Weeks 6–7, but he was extremely consistent outside of those two games. Howard showed great vision and ran with a purpose, which helped him to be one of the best runners after contact. He finished the year with 252/1313/6 rushing (5.2 YPC) and 29/298/1 receiving on 50 targets (58% catch rate, 10.3 YPR) in 15 games. Howard averaged 15.6 FPG, ranking 9th at the position behind **Theo Riddick**. He played on 68% of the snaps, saw a 9.4% target share, and had a whopping 40.90% of the team's touches. Howard averaged an impressive .83 fantasy points per touch—the league average for the position was .70. Howard was one of just five RBs with 70+ rushing attempts and 15+ receptions who averaged at least 4.6 YPC and 8.6 YPR. The other four were **Ezekiel Elliott**, **Jordan Rex Burkhead**, **Devonta Freeman**, and **Duke Johnson**. Howard finished 2nd to Elliott in rushing yards, which is the first time since the NFL merger in 1970 that two rookies led the league in rushing. Of course, Zeke was taken 4th overall, while Howard was selected 150th overall.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Based on his 2016 numbers, Howard should be a lock to settle in this summer as a #1 pick in 12-team or larger leagues. But we do have some mild concerns about his minimal body of work, how he's hardly a transcendent talent, and how he could be playing for a dysfunctional and bad team. His decent work in the passing game does help, since he's not totally game-flow dependent, and the Bears OL performed pretty well last year. We'd view a stud WR like **A.J. Green** as being a "safer" 1st-round pick and do believe Howard will be hard-pressed to deliver on a top-12 draft position. But if he slips to the 2nd round, then we don't see much downside to snatching him up.

9. TODD GURLEY (LAR, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: At his best, Gurley is a Mack truck and an incredible athlete for his size. Gurley has the lateral agility of a smaller back and the power you'd expect from someone with his frame. Gurley is just as likely to win with a jump cut as he is with a stiff arm, and he trusts his speed in the open field, where he rarely looks to cut back if he doesn't need to. A former track athlete who ran hurdles for the national team, Gurley also has experience as a kick returner. A productive receiver and willing blocker, Gurley has the skills to be a true three-down back in the NFL. Unfortunately, playing on a bad team behind a bad offensive line took its toll on him in 2016, as he took a major step back from his impressive 2015 rookie season. His vision waned, and he seemed to lose confidence in his own abilities. We hope that awful season hasn't permanently broken Gurley.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: There were a good number of 1st-round busts in fantasy football in 2016, but none was bigger than Gurley. Playing behind one of the NFL's worst offensive lines, Gurley had a disastrous season after his excellent 2015 rookie campaign. In 16 games (the only real positive stat of Gurley's season), he posted 278/885/6 rushing (3.2 YPC) with 43/327/0 receiving on 57 targets (7.6 YPR, 75.4% catch rate) to rank 24th among RBs with 12.5 FPG. Yes, a guy who was consistently a top-5 fantasy pick ranked lower than the likes of **Jay Ajayi**, **Spencer Ware**, and **Isaiah Crowell** for fantasy. Gurley had no games of 100 yards rushing after posting five (in 13 games) as a rookie, and only once all season did Gurley manage 100 yards from scrimmage. While he ranked as a top-24 RB 10 times, he finished just *once* as a top-12 RB—fortunately, that was in Week 14 (and he "came through" with a #13 finish in Week 16 for those who managed to weather the storm all year). Gurley averaged above 4 YPC in just two of 16 games, and never topped 4.1. Behind an awful line, he often had nowhere to run, and by the end of the year the young back was looking shell shocked, sometimes missing holes that *were* there. No doubt, there is an element of blame that Gurley should receive for his poor year, but he was put in a position to fail from the beginning. The *best* thing we can say, again, is that he at least was a consistently top-24 RB, even one with a tragically low ceiling. And at a 73.8% snap share, he was a workhorse. Another positive is that Gurley consistently showed he was a strong receiver, catching 3 or more passes nine times, all of which came after Week 4.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: One of the biggest concerns with Gurley is that his fall-off from his impressive initial season actually started in his 2016 rookie campaign, so it's not inconceivable that he winds up being another **Trent Richardson**, a guy who never truly bounced back from a bad slump. The good news is Richardson never looked as good as Gurley did for most of his rookie season, and Gurley's situation can't possibly be worse than it was in 2016. The Rams should finally get a boost from their coaching staff. New HC **Sean McVay**, while extremely young at 31 years old, has proven to be a bright offensive mind. The Ram OL should also be in better shape, due in large part to the addition of veteran LT **Andrew Whitworth**, who despite his advanced age, graded very well in 2016. And we have to believe QB **Jared Goff** can improve at least incrementally from his disastrous rookie campaign. The biggest issue we have with Gurley this year is his ADP. Based on early ADP, he's at around 20 overall (10th RB drafted). That's a bit rich for a player with Gurley's red flags, so we'd recommend taking him around the 2nd or 3rd round after you've obtained at least one stud WR.

10. DEMARCO MURRAY (TEN, 29)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Murray's lone season in Philly proved he needs a specific fit, but as he showed last year in Tennessee, he can still excel in the right situation. Murray's power and patience stand out, and he can obviously bust off the long run with a little more lateral agility than we thought he had coming out of college. Murray plays much better behind a good offensive line (which backs don't?), but also is clearly more comfortable when running under center, which he didn't do much of with the Eagles. Murray is a powerful runner who can move the pile, but he needs to build up a head of steam to finish his runs. He's also extremely comfortable and smooth when catching passes out of the backfield, which gives him excellent fantasy value.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: After imploding in Philadelphia on a dying team in a poor offense that didn't fit his running style, Murray revitalized his career in 2016 with the Titans. While former-Eagle HC **Chip Kelly**'s offense was predicated on outside-zone concepts from the shotgun, Tennessee's power-heavy formations with the quarterback under center proved to be a welcome reprieve from his days in Philadelphia. After averaging a career-low 47 rushing yards per game in 2015 with the Eagles, Murray smashed opposing defenses for 80.4 yards per carry in 2016—his second-best single season ever. Once again receiving over 325 touches, Murray showed he still has a ton of juice left in his 29-year-old legs. Despite one of the heaviest workloads in the league, Murray showed an elite floor in 2016. He finished as a top-18 PPR rusher in 14-of-16 games, 11 of which were top-12 (RB1) or better performances.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We were high on Murray last year on the heels of a down and less active 2015 season in Philadelphia, and he came through in spades. So now the question is, can Murray continue to stave **Derrick Henry** off while producing at a comparable level despite having less tread on his tires? Late in the season last year, Henry became more of a factor, especially near the goal line, which is a concern. However, at the time Murray was dealing with a sore toe/foot, so it made sense to pull back from Murray and get the rookie some more reps. Henry will likely be a bigger factor in his second season, but when the bullets are flying for real and every play counts, we can't envision a scenario in which Murray isn't still getting 18-20 touches a game. Murray imposes his will on opposing defenses as well as anyone in the league, and he's still a better receiver than Henry, so we're *still* not convinced that Henry will have legit standalone value if Murray is healthy. That's another way of saying we'll believe Henry has a chance to usurp him when we see it. Expectations have to be in check because it will be tough for Murray to duplicate his impressive 2016 production, but we're okay investing a high 2nd-round pick on him, ideally after first selecting a top wideout. Unfortunately, we're not that into using a 60-65 pick on Henry (his ADP), so if we draft Murray, we're probably doing so without his backup.

11. LEONARD FOURNETTE (JAC, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Let's just get this out of the way: Fournette's size/speed combo, at least in conjunction with tape that clearly backed up his workout metrics, is going to be unmatched in this class. He's big, powerful, and speedy. He'll be compared to **Derrick Henry**, but on tape, we think Fournette used his size far better than Henry, despite Henry having very impressive metrics in his own right. Fournette, more so than Henry, had *immediate* speed, while Henry's speed was more of a build up. In a very restricted LSU offense, Fournette at times completely took over games, at least before his injury-plagued 2016 season (turn on his 2015 Auburn game for dominance personified). Fournette is an excellent interior and outside runner, though he struggled out of shotgun, perhaps a sign of LSU's limited offense. And given LSU's passing game has struggled for ages, Fournette consistently saw boxes of eight or more defenders, but was successful as a runner anyway. In 2015, when he wasn't as limited by his bad ankle, he showed more lateral agility than in 2016, though that isn't his game anyway. While we don't think Fournette will be useless on third downs, his struggles in the shotgun in college are worth noting. But there's no doubt he has the natural ability to one day lead the NFL in rushing, and that's going to make him *very* appealing for dynasty players.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Fournette missed five games in 2016 with a lingering left ankle injury, and he opted to sit out LSU's bowl game to get healthy. Fortunately it looks like he'll be completely ready to make an impact on his new NFL team. Fournette scored 41 TDs at LSU in just 32 career games, running for 3830 yards and 6.2 YPC. While he wasn't asked to catch the ball much in college (just 41 receptions), he showed an aptitude in this area that suggests he won't be a zero on third downs at the next level, especially since he was pretty solid in pass protection as well.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Jaguars completely showed their hand in the 2017 NFL Draft, spending the #4 overall pick on Fournette, while using their early 2nd-round pick on Alabama G/T **Cam Robinson**. The Jaguars continued to build up their defense through free agency this offseason, and their plan is obviously to run the ball, win low-scoring games, and hide **Blake Bortles**. With Robinson and **Branden Albert** added to the line, they're hoping for at least some improvement up front. And make no mistake, the Jaguars didn't draft Fournette to make him a rotational player. While there are concerns about Fournette's ability to play out of shotgun and contribute on third downs, he has a slam-dunk role on early downs (we're going to guess that Coughlin won't be fond of **Chris Ivory**'s 6 fumbles on 137 touches). In other words, we wouldn't be shocked if Fournette returns top-12 value in 2017, much like **Jordan Howard** did last year. There should still be a role here for **T.J. Yeldon** on passing downs, but the Jaguars drafted Fournette to be their centerpiece, much like the Cowboys did with **Ezekiel Elliott** a season ago. Fournette's situation isn't nearly as good as that, but he still makes sense as a 2nd-round type of fantasy pick in all formats. If he's healthy, 250 carries are a near lock.

12. LAMAR MILLER (HOU, 26)

TALENT OVERVIEW: While the Dolphins never seemed to be fully committed to Miller in his time in Miami, he proved himself to be a one-cut downhill runner with vertical explosion who fits best in a zone scheme. While he's not a power runner, Miller has run behind his pads better in recent years. He's also natural and quick as a pass catcher; plus he's passable as a blocker. His first year in Houston confirmed both the opinions of those who are fond of Miller, and those who aren't, which is kind of weird. While he ran for over 1000 yards, he never felt truly like *the* guy, nor a foundation back. He's merely a good player who was perhaps leaned on too much because of poor QB play.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Dealing with multiple injuries in 2016 (ribs, ankle, shoulder), it is fair to say **Lamar Miller**'s first campaign as an NFL-lead back was a bit disappointing. In fairness, though, Miller didn't have much help. The Texans finished the year 2nd to last in yards gained per play (4.71), right ahead of the Rams (4.42) for the league's worst honors. Due to shoddy quarterback play from **Brock Osweiler**, Miller struggled to get into the paint in 2016. He scored just 5 rushing touchdowns on 268 carries in 14 games, largely because Houston struggled to get the ball in close often. Houston finished the regular season 19th in plays per game inside the opponents' 10-yard line (4.19).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Miller seemed like a pretty easy call in 2016, and while he certainly wasn't terrific, he didn't truly burn those who invested a costly 2nd- or 3rd-round pick on him. This year, he's a little tougher to handicap. On the one hand, his limitations were fairly evident in his first season with the Texans—he's not particularly elusive laterally and his homerun speed was rarely seen—and he did wear down with a larger workload than his previous seasons in Miami. On the other hand, his team's passing offense was a mess, and their OL was below average, and both situations should improve this year. Complicating matters further, rookie **D'Onta Foreman** did have over 2000 yards rushing at Texas last year, so he could certainly carve out a healthy role in their backfield (although we didn't love his tape and he's a zero in the passing game). Ultimately, Miller's appeal should come down to his ADP and how your draft is unfolding. If he slips to the 3rd round, and especially if you go WR-heavy with your first two picks, then Miller is palatable. But given his so-so showing last year and the added competition in the backfield, we would not feel comfortable using a 2nd-round pick to acquire Miller.

13. CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY (CAR, 21)

TALENT OVERVIEW: The son of former Broncos receiver **Ed McCaffrey**, Christian doesn't have ideal size, but he has everything else you look for in a potential star running back. Despite relatively small hands (9"), he had just 3 fumbles in college. He has the ability to run a full route tree both out of the backfield and split out, and he's fast enough to torch linebackers, safeties, and the occasional corner. McCaffrey's exceptional agility was on display at the combine, with his stellar 6.57-second three-cone drill, 11.03-second 60-yard shuttle, and above-average scores in the vertical and broad jumps, which indicates he has more lower-body power than you might expect. On film, McCaffrey also excelled as an interior runner, and gave more than enough effort as a pass protector, though he can stand to improve in that area (like most college RBs can, to be fair). In all, McCaffrey fits multiple blocking schemes, with the QB under center or in the shotgun, and can contribute immediately on third downs and special teams. He's a **Brian Westbrook** style of player.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: McCaffrey has been one of the best players in college football the last two years, and he probably should have won the

Heisman Trophy as a sophomore in 2015, when he posted 2664 yards from scrimmage, and added 1200 yards and 2 TDs as a return man. With his 3864 all-purpose yards, he absolutely shattered **Barry Sanders'** previous record of 3250. McCaffrey's junior season wasn't as good, as the Stanford team around him was significantly worse, and on top of that he had minor injury issues. He missed one game with an undisclosed injury, and then chose to sit out Stanford's bowl game to avoid risking his health prior to the draft (a move we support).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Panther OC **Mike Shula** is one of the NFL's most creative run-game coordinators, and McCaffrey's versatility is a wonderful fit for that attack. But there still must be a philosophical change to the Panthers' offense to get the most out of McCaffrey—their *entire backfield* combined for just 44 receptions in 2016, and that number for McCaffrey alone would be disappointingly low. We'd feel pretty good about McCaffrey's ability to translate to the slot as well, but the Panthers' 2nd-round pick of Ohio State's **Curtis Samuel** ostensibly fills that role. What we have now is a player we love, in a *theoretical* good fit, but there remain plenty of questions. As we stand now, McCaffrey is likely a 4th-round pick in redraft leagues, and spending that kind of capital on him does take a bit of a leap of faith.

14. ISAIAH CROWELL (CLE, 24)

TALENT OVERVIEW: A high-profile recruit at Georgia who won the SEC Freshman of the Year Award in 2011, Crowell was kicked off the team after a failed drug test and two weapons arrests. Crowell later cleaned himself up at Alabama State, and thus far in the NFL has showed some of the ability that made him such a highly touted recruit in the SEC. A downhill back with excellent vision, Crowell uses subtle cuts to navigate through the trash at the point of attack, a serious NFL trait (sometimes called "getting skinny"). He runs with a really low center of gravity, which makes him hard to bring down, especially when he attacks a hole at full steam. Crowell also has improved in two major areas since his 2014 rookie season—he's been a more effective receiver, especially in 2016, and he's fumbled just twice in 451 touches in the last two seasons after fumbling 3 times in just 157 touches as a rookie. He's not necessarily an explosive back, but he's a guy who can make his hay in short yardage.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Crow certainly had a breakout campaign in his third season, but it wasn't exactly the smoothest ride for his fantasy owners as he had more than 15+ FPs in seven games, but dipped under 9 FPs six times. And his season was also broken down into three distinct segments. He was great in his first four games from Weeks 1–4 (60/386/3 rushing), terrible in his middle eight games from Weeks 5–12 (84/211/2), and great against in his last four games from Weeks 14–17 (53/347/2). Crow certainly isn't to blame for his rollercoaster season because it was tough to get consistent use with the Browns trailing the vast majority of the time. And obviously the terrible QB situation for the entire season didn't help matters, although HC **Hue Jackson** did lean on Crow occasionally to bring stability to the offense. He couldn't quite hit 1000 rushing yards for the first time, but he did show improved vision and decisiveness to go along with his elusiveness and tackle-breaking ability. He also improved quite a bit as a receiver in 2016, which was a pleasant surprise. He finished with 198/952/7 rushing (4.8 YPC) and 40/319/0 receiving on 53 targets (75.5% catch rate, 8 YPR) in 16 games. He averaged 13.1 FPG, ranking 24th at the position behind **Matt Forte** and **Christine Michael**. Crow played on 55% of the snaps, saw a 9.5% target share, and had a healthy 38.41% of the team's touches. Crow averaged an impressive .88 fantasy points per touch—the league average for the position was .70.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Assuming we're not looking at a contract dispute and holdout this summer, the underrated Crowell (who will be an UFA in 2018 if no new deal is reached in 2017) should be in line for 250+ touches, and that's a solid number for a guy who'll be running behind one of the better offensive lines in the business. We can't say his overall situation has improved considerably, but we do love their OL upgrades, and we think their QB situation will be better in 2017. Crowell last year was a good value, but there won't be much value this year, as his early ADP was around 35 overall (RB15). That higher ADP does bring with it tangible downside, but while we do like **Duke Johnson**, Duke got double-digit carries just once in 2016, and there's no one else on the roster who'll likely pose a threat to Crowell, so he should be safe. For good measure, we don't think he's a player to *target* around his ADP, but if he slips to the 4th round and you're in clear need of a RB, we can live with you selecting Crowell with your 4th pick.

15. CARLOS HYDE (SF, 26)

TALENT OVERVIEW: We loved Hyde coming out of Ohio State, and in many ways we still love him, but the fact remains he's been in the league for three years and he has only 415 carries. So most of what we say about him will sound idealistic, the way prospects are usually talked about. Hyde is well constructed physically, and he runs with explosive power, a burst, and a wiggle. He has enough speed to gain chunks of yardage, and he also improves as the game goes on, getting more and more physical as defenses wear down. Hyde does run behind his pads and hits the hole hard, and with quick, light feet for a bigger back... think **Le'Veon Bell**. The problem is he hasn't proven he can stay healthy enough to be a true foundation back. Hyde can block, but he has only 50 catches to his name in the league, so his third-down value hasn't been great thus far.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The third-year 49er RB had an excellent overall season in 2016, posting 217/988/6 rushing (4.6 YPC) and 27/163/3 receiving on 33 targets (6 YPR, a strong 81.8% catch rate). He ranked tied for 10th among RBs (with **Mark Ingram**) with 15.1 FPG, but for the third time in three seasons, he failed to play in 16 games, appearing in just 13 in 2016. Hyde missed Week 17 with a torn MCL, and earlier in 2016 missed two games with a shoulder injury. He has now missed a total of 14 games in three seasons, nearly a full-season's worth of action. It's frustrating, because in the games Hyde *did* play, he was excellent. He was a top-8 RB five times in 13 games, and was a top-24 RB in four more. There was more than a reasonable expectation that Hyde would be a useful RB2 for you at bare minimum, and occasionally, he was a week-winning asset. Though he had just two 100-yard rushing games, he had three more with 100 yards from scrimmage. And in even three more, he had a TD without reaching 100 yards. Keep in mind he did this with a severe lack of talent around him in the offense, though it's fair to be concerned that coach **Chip Kelly**—who coaxed a career year out of Hyde—is gone. The *good* news is that the incoming coach is **Kyle Shanahan**, and Shanahan is one of the NFL's most effective and creative run game coaches.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: When it comes to Hyde, the main thing is his health, but there's also another element at play that needs to be addressed. Hyde was obviously not drafted by the current regime, and that's worrisome because **Kyle Shanahan**, like his father Mike, believes that almost any pro-caliber player can excel in his system. In fact, we asked Shanahan about Hyde and his fit with their system at the scouting combine this past February, and Shanahan didn't seem overly impressed with the former Buckeye, stating that he was "still a work in progress." Hyde will have to earn snaps over the rock-solid **Tim Hightower**, who *was* picked by the current staff, and it wouldn't be a surprise if rookie **Joe Williams** (or someone else picked by Shanahan himself) pushed for time on early downs. There is an obvious downside to drafting the brittle Hyde, but there is a flipside. Shanahan is a star offensive coach, and his running game tends to get optimal production out of its RB talent, something Hyde has a lot of. If things go perfectly, Hyde could wind up being one of the top values of the year. But given his underlying durability issues, the best play is to view him with skepticism at his 30 ADP and look to target him only if he slips to the 4th round or outside the top 36 overall. At that point, his RB1 upside may make sense for your squad.

16. CJ ANDERSON (DEN, 26)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Short, stocky, and hard to bring down, Anderson doesn't have make-you-miss hips in the open field, but he's a physical runner who can do the little things well. He's strong in pass protection and natural as a receiver. Anderson has good feet, vision, and patience, which make him a good fit for a zone-blocking scheme. Once Anderson got his shot in Denver, his determination may have been the single trait that stood out the most. Anderson never gives up on a run, and it feels like he's always formulating a way to break out of a predicament. His frame allows him to run with a natural center of gravity, which helps him squeeze out a couple extra yards in even the thickest piles. Anderson isn't an explosive player, but his pass pro and receiving skills make him someone who can contribute on all three downs, and he breaks enough tackles to generate more big plays than you might think.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: On his new contract, Anderson didn't have a *great* 2016 season, but given how badly the Broncos' offense (at least the run game) went in the tank when he got hurt, perhaps he should be getting more love. In seven games, CJA posted 110/437/4 rushing (4 YPC) and 16/128/1 receiving on 24 targets (8 YPR, 66.7% catch rate). He averaged 14.6 FPG, which ranked him 15th among RBs, if you extend his output over a full schedule. The problem was the "average" doesn't really tell the full story of CJA's season, as his 29.9 FPs in Week 1 was easily his best performance of the year—he scored 2 of his 5 TDs in that game. His only two finishes as a top-12 RB came in the first two weeks, and though his lone 100-yard rushing game came in Week 7 (his final game), it wasn't enough to rank him in the top 12 for the week. In all, Anderson ranked as a top-12 RB twice, a top-24 RB three more times, and outside the top 24 twice. It wasn't a *bad* performance, but a lot of early investors didn't see enough return before Anderson went down with a torn meniscus. But once they saw **Devontae Booker** struggle behind a poor offensive line, there was a probably a lot more respect for what CJA accomplished.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Handicapping the Bronco backfield isn't going to be easy until we truly get a feel for what **Jamaal Charles** can give them, but we do know that Anderson's going to be a large factor no matter what. Anderson needs things to be blocked up a little more than what an elite back would need, but if his OL does a solid job for him, he can probably do the rest based on determination and solid football intelligence. Lucky for him, Denver did devote serious resources to the OL this offseason, so the hope is things improve up front for Anderson. Second-year back **Devontae Booker** could get another look, but unless his patience and vision improve measurably, he's simply not going to match Anderson's production. And if Charles can't give them anything, then Anderson could have RB1 potential with 300+ touches in 2017. Anderson does need several things to break right for him to truly come through, and there is talk of an RBBBC approach this year, but Anderson is still easily their best lead back, so we like him as a selection around his early ADP of 45.

17. FRANK GORE (IND, 34)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Gore's demise has been predicted for a few seasons now, given his once-chronic struggles with injuries and his contact-inviting running style. But somehow, he keeps on ticking, and he's become exceptionally durable in recent years to boot. Due to his complete and dynamic talent package, it's fair to call Gore one of the most underrated backs in NFL history. When we think of Gore, the first thing that comes to mind is his explosive ability in a "phone booth," meaning he can make defenders miss and run through contact even when confined. At this stage of his career, Gore isn't going to contribute much as a receiver (though we expect more in that department with the Colts than with the Niners), but he's still savvy enough to find the small creases and pick up positive yards. Although Gore has stiff-armed Father Time for this long, you absolutely must acknowledge the fact that he has over 3500 touches and 17,000 yards from scrimmage on his body, including playoffs. That's a lot of work.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Gore just keeps plugging along. He rushed for 1,025 yards in 2016, becoming the third player since the 1970 merger to rush for over 1000 yards at 33-years of age or older. Prior to Gore reaching the 1000-yard milestone in 2016, only John Riggins (twice) and Franco Harris had previously done so. **Frank Gore** is the quintessential NFL iron-man and has now played an unprecedented six straight full 16-game seasons. What's most impressive, however, is since Gore recorded his ninth season with 1000 rushing yards, he joined an all-time list of rushers that are all hall-of-famers. Only Emmitt Smith (11), Curtis Martin, Walter Payton, and Barry Sanders (10) currently have more 1000-yard rushing seasons than Gore.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Gore's slowing down and is a "boring" pick, but he now has six straight seasons with 16 games played and at least 250 carries, and he can still produce with volume. Given the state of their RB group, Gore's a mortal lock to get that volume once again. **Robert Turbin** could continue to vulture him at the goal, and rookie **Marlon Mack** in theory is an explosive complement, but when the mud hits the fan, Indy will lean on the reliable and savvy Gore again with 275-300 more touches. In 2016, a healthy **Andrew Luck** meant a full point per game more than in 2015 for Gore, and it's possible that their upgrade can add .5 points to Gore's per game output. If so, then Gore will be a top-20 producer, meaning he'll be a value for the third straight year in Indy. Gore's ADP this year is about 80 (RB30), and given his talent and opportunity, it would be an upset if he didn't deliver excellent returns on that minimal investment.

18. MARSHAWN LYNCH (OAK, 31)

TALENT OVERVIEW: At his best, Lynch might be the last guy defenders want to see in a one-on-one situation because he has no qualms about running straight through a tackle. In addition to the Seahawks' great commitment to him prior to his retirement, Lynch completely stopped trying to bounce too many runs to the outside, good news because his skill set doesn't fit that kind of play. Nonetheless, he also has a little more elusiveness than you might think. He's also a capable, if not high-volume, receiver. A couple areas of concern for Lynch: how will he bounce back from a year off, especially since his 2015 was less than stellar? The sabbatical probably helped a bit, but he still has over 2500 high-impact touches on his resume. He also had some fumbling problems in his Seattle tenure.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Lynch spent the entire 2016 season retired, after a disappointing 2015 in which he posted just 111/417/3 rushing (3.8 YPC) and 13/80/0 receiving on 21 targets, while playing in just seven games. A sports hernia robbed him of most of his final season in Seattle.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Lynch isn't an easy call this year given his age and time off, but in this good situation, we'd have to lean toward a positive outlook. He'll be running behind one of the top-10 best OLs in the league, and in a very good offense with **Derek Carr** ready to arrive as an elite QB. We see him playing a very similar role to what **Latavius Murray** played last year for the Raiders. Murray played 52% of the snaps and received only 13.9 carries per game, so he was TD dependent (12 TDs). We know the Raiders really want more explosiveness from their backfield, so we'd expect **Jalen Richard** and **Dwayne Washington** to handle 45-50% of their RB snaps, but Lynch can also contribute in the passing game, which would be a big help and possibly make him less TD-dependent. But even if he is relying on TDs for his fantasy output, we'd expect the TDs to come in bunches for Lynch in this good offense.

19. AMEER ABDULLAH (DET, 24)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Despite being 5'9" and just over 200 lbs., Abdullah ran like a true three-down back in college. He's strong and compact with a low center of gravity, which gives him incredible balance and makes him tough to bring down (he broke more tackles in college than **Melvin Gordon**). He's a phenomenal receiver who ran a wide variety of routes and lined up outside the

formation, so he provides value in that department. He also has experience as a return man, but that brings us back to his size. Because of his slight frame, Abdullah struggled as a pass protector in both college and the pros, despite a clear willingness to attack defenders in that area. And because of really small hands, Abdullah had a major fumbling problem, with 13 fumbles in his college career and 5 as an NFL rookie. On a positive note, Abdullah is someone who provides *everything* you look for in a back's skill set on tape, and he's a high-character guy off the field to boot. But he's small, and with his pass protection and fumbling issues, he does the two major things that will drive a coach nuts. Then take into account he played just two games because of injury in 2016, and we have a supremely gifted back with some major problems.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Abdullah looked primed for a breakout second season, looking much more explosive and sure of himself in the first six quarters of 2016. Unfortunately, he severely sprained his foot in Week 2 and missed the rest of the season. There was some hope he might return late in the year, but he never received clearance, although reports indicated that his foot was structurally sound. Abdullah's injury absolutely killed the Lions' running game. As a team, Detroit rushed for 100 yards in the two games Abdullah played in, a feat they accomplished just once in their final 14 games. The Lions didn't have a single player hit 100+ rushing yards in a game for the third straight year under **Jim Caldwell**, and no Lion ranked among the top 50 rushers overall. Abdullah looked primed to break that streak if he had stayed healthy, finishing with 18/101/0 rushing (5.6 YPC) and 5/57/1 receiving in his 1.5 games played. Abdullah said after the season that he believes he'll be at 100% for the start of OTAs. GM **Bob Quinn** gave a vote of confidence to both Abdullah and **Theo Riddick** after the season, saying both players can be lead backs going forward. We clearly learned in 2016 that Riddick is better off as a receiving/change-of-pace back, as he easily wore down from a heavy workload without Abdullah.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Lion GM **Bob Quinn** said earlier this year that one of his top priorities this year was to get their running game going, but Detroit didn't make a single move at the position this offseason, which is an endorsement for Abdullah. The Lions upgraded up front in free agency with the additions of RT **Rick Wagner** and G **T.J. Lang**, so things are finally looking up for their running game. Abdullah has been frustrating, due largely to injuries, but he's a very skilled runner and a versatile weapon who can be a strong, solid asset. It might have happened in 2016, since he looked great in the preseason and for the 1.5 games he played in the regular season. His upside will be capped due to the presence of **Theo Riddick**, but Abdullah will be an affordable fantasy pick with an ADP around 70 (RB26) based on his talent and solid role.

20. TEVIN COLEMAN (ATL, 24)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Coleman's role was one of the most unique RB roles in the entire NFL in 2016, and it came as a bit of a surprise. He has straight-line speed and can run away from the defense once he gets to the second level, so a good offensive line (as Atlanta has) could make him a very dangerous runner. Coleman is also a willing blocker and solid receiver, which makes him a valuable three-down asset. In fact, we were very surprised by just *how* good Coleman was as a receiver in 2016, after barely being used in that department in 2015. While Coleman is by no means a weak runner, he doesn't have a big frame and isn't likely to be a pile mover, which is one area where his game is deficient in comparison to **DeMarco Murray**, a player to whom he's often likened. Coleman isn't likely to run through tackles without a head of steam, which makes him the type of runner who will consistently pile up 1–3 yards on carries, hoping to eventually bust one. Coleman, at his best, is similar to **Clinton Portis**, especially when running stretch plays. The big concern is whether he can stay on the field.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Coleman has two years left on his rookie deal and will undoubtedly be a source of contentious fantasy debate this offseason. Legitimately improved as a receiver, Coleman became one of the league's best change-of-pace/secondary backs in 2016. **Devonta Freeman** led Coleman in snap rate by a good distance (59% to 41%), but it was Coleman who arguably stole the spotlight as a pass catcher. After catching just 2 of 11 targets in his 2015 rookie campaign, Coleman caught 31 of his 40 targets in 2016. But keep in mind that Coleman caught 2 or more passes in 10 of 13 regular season games while Freeman had at least 2 receptions in 15 of 16 contests. For what it's worth, Coleman averaged an explosive 13.6 YPR to Freeman's 8.6 YPR.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: What will make Coleman a bit divisive as a 2017 fantasy asset is his possibly bloated touchdown total from 2016. Coleman finished the year as the RB14 in PPR and his 11 all-purpose touchdowns were 9th most among RBs, but Coleman finished the year 37th in total opportunities. On the surface, it would appear Coleman benefited from positive touchdown variance on his 11.5 touches per game. While Freeman's role as the "lead" back is not in question, it remains to be seen if Coleman can continue to score TDs at an elite rate without OC **Kyle Shanahan** at the controls. With an ADP of around 50 (RB21), he's not exactly someone to proactively target in the 5th round, but he's still a young back with talent who's in a very good offense (at worst), so he becomes more appealing if he slips a little to the 6th or 7th round.

21. BILAL POWELL (NYJ, 28)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Powell doesn't have a whole lot of lateral moves, but he does have solid vertical explosion and power for a guy with his role. He's a solid pass protector and a very good receiver, which makes him a coaches' favorite in New York. Overall, Powell is a guy who will stick around because he's versatile enough to provide depth and fill in as a three-down starter if needed in a pinch. He's just a damn good football player.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Jets may have waited too long to give Powell a bigger role based on his performance in the final four weeks of the season. He ranked as the #3 fantasy RB in that stretch with 23.6 FPG, posting 82/411/2 rushing and 21/141/1 receiving as the lead back with **Matt Forte** (knee/shoulder) limited and out of the lineup. Powell finished with 131/722/3 rushing (5.5 YPC) and 58/388/2 receiving on 75 targets (77.3% catch rate, 6.7 YPR) in 16 games. He averaged 12.4 FPG, tying him with **Giovani Bernard** for 25th among RBs. Powell played 51% of the snaps, had a 14% target share, and saw 27.63% of the team's touches. He averaged an impressive .37 fantasy points per snap—the league average for the position was .24. He also set a franchise record with a 5.51 YPC average—besting **Freeman McNeil**'s 5.21 YPC average set all the way back in 1982. Powell finished behind only **Mike Gillislee** (5.7 YPC) among RBs with 100+ carries for the season.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: While we have questions about his ability to sustain his recent high level of production over the course of a 16-game season, Powell has been a league-winner two years running, albeit for limited periods of time (four to five games in both 2016 and 2015), primarily as a result of high touch totals in the running and passing game. The Jets still have **Matt Forte** on the roster, but he's near the end of the line, and the Jets are expected to commit to Powell as their lead back. This will be a bad team, but Powell is a good receiver, so he's not game-flow dependent. If he can hold up for a whole season, he should log 200+ carries and 90+ targets (only 2 RBs had that last year: **David Johnson** and **Le'Veon Bell**), and he's almost a lock to produce top-20 totals for fantasy in PPR. The Jets OL looks likely to be one of the bottom 10 units in the league, but the bigger concern is their QB play. Powell should be in good shape as long as **Josh McCown** starts, but things could get hairy if they switch to **Christian Hackenberg**, which is likely. With an ADP of around 70 (RB27), Powell is definitely worth trying on for size. But if the hype starts building in the summer based on his expected role as their lead back, there will be the danger of Powell becoming overvalued on what should be a terrible team.

22. JOE MIXON (CIN, 21)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Nothing we say here about Mixon will be surprising, considering he's been one of the most discussed and debated prospects in the entire rookie class. In 2014, Mixon was suspended for the entire year at Oklahoma following a misdemeanor assault involving a woman at a local café in July of that year. He was captured on tape punching the woman, and the woman eventually needed surgery for a broken jaw. He entered an Alford plea in court and received a one-year deferred sentence, then settled with his victim and apologized publicly shortly before the draft. Whether teams believe this is an isolated incident or not, many were not willing to take the PR hit that drafting Mixon would entail. But all it takes is *one* team, and the Bengals likely saw Mixon's electrifying tape and measurables and consider him the best RB in this draft class, which on field, he may well be. Big and explosive, Mixon has economy of movement in the short area plus excellent patience and vision. He isn't as otherworldly patient as a **Le'Veon Bell**, but he has the subtle movement of an **Arian Foster** in his prime, with far more burst. He has a subtle understanding of how runs are supposed to work, and sets up his blocks well. Mixon is an excellent blocker and receiver, which gives him instant third-down value in the NFL.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: In many ways at Oklahoma, Mixon was the lightning to **Samaje Perine**'s thunder, and *on film*, is the better prospect. In two years with the Sooners, Mixon posted 300/2027/17 rushing (6.8 YPC) and 65/894/9 receiving (13.8 YPR), making him one of college football's most explosive playmakers on a per-touch basis.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Bengals currently appear deep at RB, but if you want to boil it down to the simplest possible terms, **Jeremy Hill** stinks and **Giovani Bernard** is coming off an ACL tear. The Bengals clearly drafted Mixon because they believe he can be their lead back almost immediately. At bare minimum, he can contribute as a receiver in the early going, but he also is a more gifted runner than either Hill or Bernard. The Bengals' in-flux offensive line is a concern, and Mixon will occasionally have the tendency to be patient to the point of fault, but overall, he's as big as Hill and plays like Bernard. That's an enticing combination when it comes to fantasy. Of course, those of you considering taking him with a rookie pick—or redraft pick—must consider Mixon's history. We would imagine the Bengals (and if not them, the NFL overall) will have zero tolerance for any bad behavior from Mixon, especially as it relates to his treatment of women. His early ADP of 60 (RB23) is fair based on his upside, but we suspect he'll likely settle in as a 3rd- or 4th-round pick for most. That's rich for a rookie on a team that doesn't necessarily *have* to play him a lot, so he'll be a true play-to-win pick.

23. TY MONTGOMERY (GB, 24)

TALENT OVERVIEW: One of the major things we noticed about Montgomery when he was coming out of Stanford as a WR was his frame, at 6'0" and 216 lbs.. We also noticed on film that he was far better after the catch than he was as a route runner, and so it's very interesting that the Packers opted to move him to RB in 2016, after suffering some key injuries at the position. Montgomery's speed is more sudden than long, which fits his new position well, and he actually has a pretty powerful lower body. Montgomery struggled against muddied boxes in his first year as a running back, but that's to be expected, and fortunately he doesn't see many of them in Green Bay's offense anyway. Given his natural receiving ability, he's a talented player who can continue to be a fantasy asset, even if his future isn't as a true three-down workhorse.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Packers were a total mess at RB after **Eddie Lacy** (ankle) went down for the season, and **James Starks** was a total disaster all season long. Montgomery made the switch to RB in Week 7 against the Bears, and he proved to be quite slippery as a runner, and of course he was a good receiver. He was shaky in pass protection and couldn't move the pile between the tackles, which isn't exactly shocking either. The wear and tear of the position eventually caught up to him in the NFC Championship, with him leaving early in the game with a rib injury. The Packers had a 40.3% run rate through Week 5 with Lacy, before dipping to 33.6% in Weeks 6–19 for a season long average of 35.3%, according to the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Montgomery finished the year with 77/457/3 rushing (5.9 YPC) and 44/348/0 receiving on 56 targets (78.6% catch rate, 7.9 YPR) in 15 games. Montgomery averaged 9.5 FPG, ranking 39th at the position behind **Jerick McKinnon**. He played on 41% of the snaps, saw a 9.9% target share, and had 17.41% of the team's touches. Montgomery averaged .36 fantasy points per snap—the league average for the position was .24.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: While the team claims that Montgomery is still their top RB, the optics of selecting three backs in one draft isn't great on the surface for Montgomery's job security. Green Bay didn't invest a ton of draft capital on these RBs, but there's now a lot of competition in this backfield with **Jamaal Williams** (#134 overall; 4th round), **Aaron Jones** (#182 overall; 5th round), and **Devante Mays** (#238; 7th round) added. Williams is a big back who fits the profile of a closer, and we actually liked Jones' college tape more. Montgomery will now have an entire offseason to prepare for playing running back full-time, and we see him staying involved no matter what this year. What we're not high on, though, is Montgomery's upside. Montgomery's early ADP as the RB22 off the board is acceptable, but his overall ADP of 55 was a tad high in our opinion.

24. ADRIAN PETERSON (NO, 32)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Though two of his last three seasons are memorable only for how bad they were, it's entirely possible Peterson is the most physically gifted back to ever strap on an NFL uniform. He's vertically explosive, laterally elusive, and physically dominant. He gets to the edge so quickly it seems like he teleports there, and his instincts and vision spot holes that the offensive line didn't even know it created. Of course, that is *ideal* Peterson, and given his age, injury problems, and the difficulty he had finding a team prior to signing with the Saints, it's unlikely we'll ever see that guy again. Nowadays, Peterson probably needs to be pigeonholed into an under-center, early-down role, perhaps as a short-yardage specialist.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Peterson's prolific career with the Vikings ended after playing just three games in 2016. He said he tore 90% of his meniscus in Week 2, and had the injury fully repaired through surgery. Peterson came back three months later in Week 15 but clearly wasn't ready, suffering a groin injury in his return and missing the final two games of the year. He finished with 37/72/0 rushing (1.9 YPC) and 3/8/0 receiving on 6 targets (50% catch rate, 2.7 YPR), averaging a miserable 3.7 FPG while playing 47% of the snaps in three games. AP looked sluggish behind a terrible Vikings O-line when he did play.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: While Peterson is obviously slowing down, we can't say with confidence that we see a noticeable drop-off in his ability, so to us the bigger concern is his body and whether or not it's going to continue to break down based on age and wear and tear. On the other hand, betting against Peterson is dangerous, and they may find the right formula in terms of both keeping him happy with enough carries and not testing his body with a ton of touches. The presence of **Mark Ingram** is a huge challenge when handicapping Peterson, but we have to react to the reality that HC **Sean Peyton** clearly doesn't think much of Ingram. By signing Peterson, Peyton has to be prepared to give him the ball at least 14–15 times a game, and we'd think AP will be the back of choice in short-yardage and on top of the goal. Running behind a strong OL and in a great offense could wind up being a really good spot for Peterson. Most encouraging, his ADP is very acceptable, as he's going off the board around 65 overall and as the RB25.

25. DANNY WOODHEAD (BAL, 32)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Really the only thing that makes Woodhead a RB is the number on his jersey and where he typically lines up. Otherwise he might be indistinguishable from a slot receiver. Woodhead has lateral burst, fantastic hands, and in-game smarts, which make him a powerful weapon on a team that values versatility. His receiving ability, in particular, makes him a fantasy asset, and he's an outstanding pass protector. He also takes care of the ball, with only 5 fumbles in eight seasons. Unfortunately, he's suffered a serious season-ending injury in two of his last three seasons, which is a major concern given he's now 32.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Woodhead was almost certainly going to have a massive role in 2016, but he tore his ACL in Week 2, and it led to the break-out season of second-year RB **Melvin Gordon**. In two games, Woodhead posted 19/116/0 rushing (6.1 YPC) and 6/35/1 receiving on 8 targets. He averaged 13.6 FPG, but he got injured after playing just 5 snaps in Week 2; he actually scored 23 FPs in Week 1.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: It was a little surprising to see Woodhead land in Baltimore, but much less so once the news of **Kenneth Dixon's** four-game suspension came down. Raven GM **Ozzie Newsome** learned a lot working under **Bill Belichick** in Cleveland, so it makes sense that they viewed him as their type of player. Woodhead finished his Chargers' career averaging a healthy 4.5 catches a game, and while it's tough to see him duplicating that number in Baltimore, it is possible. For one, the Ravens threw the ball a whopping 678 times in 2016 compared to only 589 attempts per season in Woodhead's four seasons in San Diego. And even without a stud pass-catcher like Woodhead in the backfield last year, **Joe Flacco** targeted a RB or FB on 21.9% of his attempts last year, the seventh highest rate in the league. In addition, Baltimore lost 201 targets from 2016, the fourth most in the league, so Woodhead will get his. Woodhead is now 32 years old and probably won't have as much fantasy juice as he did in his strong 2013 and 2015 seasons, but he should be a nice PPR flex starter. It's also possible he's utilized as a runner and receiver inside the 10, due to his slipperiness and pass-protection, which would further boost his production. With an early ADP of around 100, there's almost no downside to taking Woodhead unless you get zero points for receptions.

26. MARK INGRAM (NO, 27)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Ingram's mainly a power and inside sustainer, but in the last two years he's shown more lateral agility than he had in the past. Still, his bigger frame (5'9", 215 lbs.) means he's the type of runner who gets better as a game goes on. Overall, he's a sustaining runner with quick feet and natural power, so he can hit a hole with authority. He has good vision, and he seems to know when to bounce to the outside and move the ball forward. He's a player who shows good power and the ability to run people over, but he can also make unblocked defenders miss on occasion. And in perhaps the biggest surprise of all, Ingram showed major improvement as a receiver in 2015, catching 50 passes in 12 games after totaling 53 receptions in his first 50 NFL games combined (he followed up with 46 in 2016). Ingram's a really talented back, but he needs to stay on the field, as injuries have been his biggest bugaboo. In 2016, he played 16 games for the first time since 2012.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Even though he finished the season as the RB10 in PPR, it was a bit of a weird year for Ingram. He never missed time due to injury — Ingram actually played his first full year since 2012—but he was "benched" for fumbling at one point during this past season, he played under 40% of Saints' snaps in five games total, and he scored fewer than 12 FPs in PPR in nine of 16 games. Throughout all the ups and downs, Ingram posted back-end RB1 fantasy output—just like his average draft position called for (he was the RB11 in 2016 fantasy drafts). Still, even though Ingram paid off his draft day cost, his inconsistency needs to be noted. Ingram actually finished the year with just six RB2 or better (top-24) finishes in PPR leagues from Weeks 1–16. Interestingly, he also had a bunch of mediocre finishes to boot. In fact, Ingram finished in between the RB26 and RB33—essentially "RB3" (top-25 to top-36) output—seven times this past year. While Ingram did have some monster weeks, he was essentially just a replacement-level fantasy running back in 47% of his games. The big weeks are nice when they come, but Ingram had quite a few outings between 8 and 11 PPR FPs. Those mediocre weeks are fine in large leagues with 14- or 16-team leagues, but it's not what we're looking for in standard 10- or 12-team leagues.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: It seems as if HC **Sean Payton** hates Ingram, and he also hates your fantasy team, as evidenced by their signing of all-time great **Adrian Peterson** in free agency and the drafting of the versatile **Alvin Kamara**. In theory, they could cast Ingram aside and roll with Peterson as their early-down back with Kamara and possibly **Travaris Cadet** as their third-down backs and pass-catchers. Ingram's early ADP had him going off the board around 50 overall (RB19), and it's hard to feel good about that draft cost until we see how things play out in training camp. If Ingram's on the roster and Peterson is fine with Kamara coming along well, Ingram is a guy to pass on unless his ADP exceeds 100 overall in August.

27. EDDIE LACY (SEA, 27)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Can a change of scenery help Lacy keep his weight under control? In 2015, Packer coach **Mike McCarthy** publicly called Lacy out about his weight issues, and then his 2016 season was plagued with injury issues. At his best, Lacy is a horse. He runs with incredible lower-body drive and a nasty attitude; plus—unlike former Alabama teammate **Trent Richardson**—he also showed decisiveness getting into holes. Lacy is more than capable as a receiver, but he's going to fall more in the **Marshawn Lynch** category as a decent contributor than the **Le'Veon Bell** "elite producer" category (interesting, given his new team). That means he's mostly going to be used only as a check-down option, but because he's so hard to bring down, we could see multiple big plays from him in the open field like we did in 2014. That said, he's not going to get to the perimeter and turn the corner with a burst because he isn't that kind of a runner. But because of his receiving ability and his improved blocking, he's capable of playing three downs, and he's near automatic around the goal line. In Seattle, there will be no expectations for him, which may suit him.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Lacy did put in an effort to lose weight last offseason, but he had seemingly put all the weight back on by the time Week 1 rolled around. His weight issue surely didn't help when he injured his ankle in Week 5, which resulted in surgery and the end of his season. The Packers had a 40.3% run rate through Week 5 with Lacy, before dipping to 33.6% in Weeks 6–19 for a season-long average of 35.3%, according to the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Lacy finished with 71/360/0 rushing (5.1 YPC) and 4/28/0 receiving on 7 targets (57.1% catch rate, 7 YPR), averaging 8.6 FPG in five games. Lacy played on 49% of the snaps and saw 10.79% of the team's touches. Lacy averaged a pathetic .57 fantasy points per touch—the league average for the position was .70. He didn't score a single TD after coming into the year averaging .63 TDs per game in his first three seasons (29 TDs in 46 games).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Lacy is a good fit for the Seahawks because he has great size and versatility. He can be a three-down back and active and effective in the passing game, and he can run well out of shotgun, which is key in Seattle's offense. If you squint, you can see **Marshawn Lynch** in Lacy's game, and HC **Pete Carroll** was able to revitalize Lynch's career in Seattle. He'll try that with Lacy on a one-year deal along with bonuses that are tied to his weight (he already hit and received one in May). Seattle wants to refocus on having a tough, physical running game, which was a missing element last year without Lynch and with **Thomas Rawls** missing a lot of time. This signing indicates a complete lack of trust in the oft-injured and inconsistent Rawls, but Carroll

loves competition, so this pair should battle it out for the early-down work. Lacy moves on to a team with a weaker OL, and there are questions not only about his conditioning and weight but also about his long-term health (ankle). He should beat Rawls out for the early-down work, but the team remains very high on **C.J. Prosise**, who will have a say in how they divvy up the touches. Lacy's cost is discounted this year, but his early ADP of around 50 (RB20) was still high, so there's noticeable risk to drafting Lacy on a team with no long-term ties to him and several other capable backs on the roster.

28. PAUL PERKINS (NYG, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Upon watching Perkins, the first thing that stands out is his elusiveness and balance. He also made defenders miss frequently in the backfield, which will come in handy at the next level. Perkins' ability to pick the right hole on zone runs was an obvious trait, and that looks like his best fit for the next level. Despite his smaller stature, Perkins really didn't have much breakaway speed, and he's far more of a side-to-side mover than a downhill guy. He runs hard and won't shy away from contact, but he doesn't have the speed or size to consistently run through opposing NFL defenses. That said, he's very dangerous in the open field, and he's a great receiver, hauling in 80 passes in three seasons. Despite very small hands (9"), Perkins consistently caught the ball and wasn't a bad fumbler, putting the ball on the ground just 5 times in his career at UCLA, and just once on 127 touches as a rookie in 2016. Perkins is also a competitive, willing blocker, a huge positive for someone of his size and skill set. That said, he didn't do enough in 2016 to convince us he's the G-Men's RB of the future.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: It was an up-and-down rookie season for Perkins, who never seemed to fully earn the trust of his coaching staff, even though **Shane Vereen** got hurt early in the season and **Rashad Jennings** stunk. In 14 games of action (he was a healthy scratch early in the year), Perkins posted 112/456/0 rushing (4.1 YPC), and 15/162/0 receiving on 24 targets (10.8 YPR, 62.5% catch rate). He averaged just 5.5 FPG, which ranked him 73rd among RBs, but keep in mind he just didn't score any TDs, which obviously will hurt him. In fact, of Perkins' 136 opportunities on the year, only nine of them (6.7%) came in the red zone. Perkins never finished as a top-24 PPR RB on the year, and in fact only twice finished as a top-36 option. On the year, Perkins played 33.6% of the Giants' offensive snaps when active, but actually turned in the Giants' only 100-yard rushing performance of the season in Week 17 (21/102 rushing) when he ground up Washington in a must-win game for the Giants' divisional rivals.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Perkins has been a tougher call dating back to when he was WW fodder in the second half of his rookie season. We knew an opportunity was coming last year, but we really didn't push him hard as a pickup because we were skeptical he'd have legit fantasy value. Perkins *did* get a great opportunity, yet he didn't make much of a fantasy splash. When we watched his college tape, we felt Perkins needed to be in a dual back-field with another back and worked in liberally. The team did recommit to veteran **Shane Vereen**, but it's concerning how they were in on **LeGarrette Blount** in May right before he signed with the Eagles. At least he's not a costly fantasy asset, and with 200+ touches likely, Perkins should have a good chance to pay solid dividends on what looks like a 7th-round ADP (80 overall and RB31). We do have questions about Perkins as a true lead back, but that's a very fair price to pay for a guy who's going to get another opportunity in what should be a good offense and a great passing game. Just make sure you keep up with their depth chart this summer in case they bring someone else in who can seriously challenge Perkins.

29. CJ PROSISE (SEA, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: A former college WR, Prosise became a RB his final year at Notre Dame out of pure necessity and handled himself extremely well. Consider that he's big—220 lbs.—and ran a fantastic 4.48 40-yard dash at the NFL Combine. He has the speed to get to the corner, which will be very useful for sweeps and off-tackle runs (look at his long TD run again Philly as a rookie). When he gets into the open field, he's hard to bring down because he uses his size well, and he can flat out run away from defenders. And given he's a former WR, he offers a *ton* of options in terms of flexing him out or creative play design. While Prosise showed excellent feel for gap runs, he just hasn't developed the instincts or vision to be a high-quality zone runner at this point in time. Prosise has the tendency to slow his feet with backfield penetration and in a muddied hole, which isn't totally shocking given his lack of experience at the position. Another issue for Prosise's transition is that he has a "third-down" skill set but virtually no experience blocking, which will limit his ability to get on the field barring great improvement this summer. And the biggest issue for Prosise is ball security—he fumbled 5 times on just 157 carries in 2015 at Notre Dame, runs too tall at times, and his 8.25" hands are comically small for the position. So what we have is a very gifted, competitive player who is still learning the RB position. He also has to stay on the field.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: It's a shame we saw very little of Prosise in 2016, because when we *did* see him, he looked absolutely electric. Unfortunately for Prosise, he got off on a wrong foot in 2016, as he missed most of the Seahawks' offseason program with groin and hamstring injuries, then missed four games from Weeks 2–6 with a wrist injury. From Weeks 8–11, though, he looked like an emerging star—he reached 14 FPs in PPR three times in this four-game span, ranking as a top-24 RB in each of those three games (topping out at #7 in Week 10). And his play of the year was a 72-yard TD in Week 11 with the Eagles, a game he left with a broken shoulder that ended his season. In all, Prosise played in six games. He totaled 30/172/1 rushing (5.7 YPC) and 17/208/0 receiving on 19 targets (12.2 YPR, 89.5% catch rate). The former college WR averaged 10.2 FPG in his short time on the field, which would have ranked him 37th among RBs if extrapolated to a full season. Unfortunately, just like **Thomas Rawls**, Prosise's durability is a big concern, as coach **Pete Carroll** noted at the end of the season.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: There are several obstacles for Prosise heading into his second NFL season. First and foremost, he has to stay on the field, and that's been a major problem for him dating back to college. He also has to compete for touches in a crowded backfield, and he's no guarantee to hold solid fantasy value, since they have other options who can tote the rock and catch it fairly well. On the other hand, they don't have anyone in their backfield as explosive and exciting as Prosise, and they are very high on his talent and upside. If Prosise can stay healthy and prove to the coaches that his durability issues are minimized, then we expect him to have a solid role with 7–8 carries and 3–4 targets per game at least. Given the addition of **Eddie Lacy** and his injury problems, fantasy owners are taking a cautious approach to Prosise, as his ADP is only around 110 (RB43). That lower ADP really helps mitigate a lot of his downside, so he's a nice target for depth and PPR upside.

30. SAMAJE PERINE (WAS, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Perine is a *big boy*. At 5'11" and 233 lbs., he was the thunder to **Joe Mixon**'s lightning at Oklahoma, and was an expert in wearing down defenders, as he showed early and often in his college career. Nothing on Perine's film suggests he's a different player than he was as a freshman. Big and mean, Perine downright bounces off defenders, and arm-tackling him is just not an option. There's not a lot of nuance to Perine's game, but he has softer feet than you might think for a guy his size, and Perine did pretty well in Oklahoma's zone-blocking schemes (you'd figure his skillset would fit better in gap schemes). Not surprisingly, Perine's timed agility drills at the Combine were subpar, but agility isn't his game anyway. Combined with his natural power and lower-body strength, however, Perine has more than enough wiggle to miss tacklers. A willing blocker with decent hands (and he got better at both throughout his career), Perine should be able to play in third-and-short instances, though he wasn't asked to catch the ball a lot for the Sooners.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: As a freshman against Kansas, Perine carried 34 times for 427 yards and 6 TDs, setting the FBS single-game rushing record (which **Melvin Gordon** had set just the week before). In all, Perine ran for 4122 yards and 49 TDs in college, with his rushing totals decreasing every year (mostly because **Joe Mixon** was suspended in 2014 but returned in the final two years of Perine's career).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Talk about a no-brainer fit. As a low-to-the-ground bruiser, Perine is exactly what Washington has looked for in its lead back under **Jay Gruden**, starting with the drafting of **Matt Jones** two years ago and the emergence of UDFA **Rob Kelley** last year. Not to take away from a pretty impressive rookie season for Kelley, but Perine is just a much better athlete and producer than Kelley, and our money is on Perine usurping him as Washington's lead back as early as Week 1 (also, this likely spells doom for Jones, who lost significant trust with his ball-security issues). **Chris Thompson** will still be around to take the majority of the passing-down work, and it obviously must be said that he was barely useful for fantasy despite leading this backfield in snaps in 2016. We think Perine has the ability to be an adequate receiver, but will he get that opportunity?

31. THEO RIDDICK (DET, 26)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Let's be honest ... Riddick stinks as a runner. The owner of a career 3.5 YPC, he has no functional strength and breaks few tackles at the point of attack. A former college wide receiver, Riddick is a back best deployed in the open field. A smooth route runner who can exploit mismatches with LBs and safeties, Riddick is a little bit deliberate after the catch, not exhibiting the short-area quickness and wiggle in a phone booth you may like to see. But he's still a creative and elusive player when he has space to work. He's not going to do much in the way of running between the tackles (or really, running as a traditional RB at all), but his presence on the field provides defenses with significant matchup problems. His receiving ability alone is enough to make him a very strong PPR fantasy asset.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Riddick fantasy owners had a great run with him while he was healthy in 2016. With **Ameer Abdullah** going down in Week 2, Riddick stepped up as the lead back before a wrist injury ended his season in Week 13. The Lions didn't have a single player hit 100+ rushing yards in a game for the third straight year under **Jim Caldwell**, and no Lion ranked among the top 50 rushers overall. Riddick finished the year with 92/357/1 rushing (3.9 YPC) and 53/371/5 receiving on 67 targets (79.1% catch rate, 7 YPR) in 10 games. Riddick averaged 16.2 FPG, ranking eighth at the position behind **Devonta Freeman**. He played on 65% of the snaps, saw an 11.9% target share, and had 21.04% of the team's touches. Riddick scored more than 8.6 FPs in every game, and he had 4+ catches in 9 of his 10 games, so he needed to be in fantasy lineups every week.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Despite putting up good fantasy numbers, Riddick is better off as a receiving/change-of-pace back. He easily wore down from a heavy workload, and he just wasn't reliable between the tackles. With that said, he was their best option to handle the lead-back duties, with **Dwayne Washington** looking overwhelmed and **Zach Zenner** coming on only late. But the team is banking on **Ameer Abdullah** this year to pick up a lot of the slack. If Abdullah succumbs to injury again, then Riddick's role will grow and his fantasy upside will be enticing. There are a few paths to fantasy relevancy for Riddick, but his upside is probably tied to Abdullah, who can cap Riddick's upside in PPR (just like Riddick caps his). The best news is that fantasy owners early on this year weren't pouncing on Riddick, even in PPR leagues. With an ADP of around 75 (RB30), he's relatively affordable and totally palatable, especially if you stock up on non-RBs with your first 5–6 picks.

32. SPENCER WARE (KC, 25)

TALENT OVERVIEW: A bowling-ball type of runner, Ware got his first shot at real action in the NFL in 2015, and he impressed in a big way. Ware violently carved his way through the muck at the point of attack, rarely going down on first contact. Over the last two years, he's also been one of the best runners in short yardage in the NFL. He also improved in a big way as a receiver in 2016, suggesting he's not just an early-down grinder. On the downside, he started to rack up injury problems once he was "promoted" to a full-time back, so there are still plenty of questions regarding his ability to handle 300 touches a year. All in all, he was OK as a full-time RB, but will the Chiefs prefer him as more of a rotational option?

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: It was an up-and-down season for Ware, who had a bigger role than the Chiefs likely anticipated, given **Jamaal Charles'** inability to get himself healthy as he "returned" from his 2015 ACL tear. It led to Ware functioning as a true lead back, for the most part, for the first time in his career. In 14 games—missing one with a concussion and one with a rib injury (Week 17)—Ware posted 214/922/3 rushing (4.3 YPC) and 33/447/2 receiving on 42 targets (13.5 YPC, 78.6% catch rate). He ranked 17th among RBs with 14.3 FPG, so given he was typically a 7th-/8th-round pick on draft day, he provided excellent return on investment as a solid RB2 for fantasy. But honestly, it felt like his year should have gone better. Ware finished as a top-12 RB four times on the year, but three of those instances came in the first six games of the season. He went down with a concussion in Week 8, missed Week 9, and then finished better than 20th at RB just once more during the year. From Weeks 1–7, Ware averaged 5.2 YPC and ranked 7th among RBs at 18.5 FPG. From Week 8 through the end of the year, he averaged just 3.6 YPC and ranked 33rd with 11.2 FPG. It's possible Ware simply wore down because he wasn't used to the heavy workload. In all, Ware played 60.3% of the Chiefs' snaps when active, so he was very much involved. He had no fewer than 12 touches in any game he started and finished, and four times had 20 or more touches.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Drafting a running back in the 3rd round doesn't necessarily mean the end of Ware as the team's top back, especially in **Andy Reid's** complex offense, but rookie **Kareem Hunt** should come into Chiefs' camp and push the pedestrian Ware from Day One. It's possible that Ware's experience goes a long way toward him retaining his lead role, but based on our affinity for Hunt and Ware's poor showing as his sample size grew last year, we want nothing to do with Ware at his early ADP of 35–40 overall (RB14). Hunt is a below-30th percentile athlete, but compared to the former FB Ware, he might be Barry Sanders. And despite playing behind Toledo's porous offensive line, Hunt is the only RB over the past two years to have fewer than 40% of his totes create less than 2 yards. We're sure Ware will come into camp as the team's starter, but Hunt is in a perfect spot to take over as Kansas City's lead back at some point this upcoming season.

33. DALVIN COOK (MIN, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Cook had a terrible NFL Combine performance, which simply didn't line up with the player we saw on film. His combine was a shock to just about everyone who watched him in college, where he was a complete back who still managed to perform despite a bad offensive line and a variety of run schemes (both under center and in the shotgun). Cook moved quickly past defenders and had no trouble making them miss. Occasionally he was *too* patient, but often showed he can set up blocks and burst through the hole. Though not a great receiver, he was quick enough to beat linebackers and safeties in coverage, and on a few occasions ran vertical routes when split out wide. He has decent hands, but was also pretty careless with the rock (12 fumbles in college), something he'll need to polish up if he's going to succeed at the next level. *Everything* about Cook's tape suggests he's a future fantasy star and complete NFL back. Most everything about his Combine suggests we're missing something. Our guess is NFL teams weighed the tape more so than the metrics, but the metrics—combined with injury and off-field concerns—knocked Cook out of the 1st round.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: In three years as a starter with the Seminoles, Cook posted 5399 yards from scrimmage and 48 TDs in 38 games. He ran for over 1000 yards in each of his three years in Tallahassee, and that includes 1691 and 1765 the last two years, respectively.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We're really not thrilled with Cook's post-draft landing spot. The Vikings had one of the NFL's most ineffective run games last year, which is surely why they made it a point to trade up and acquire Cook during the draft, even after signing **Latavius Murray** during the offseason. After all, Vikings players combined for 3.2 YPC on 380 totes last season, which is horrific. Their new tackle additions, **Riley Reiff** and **Mike Remmers**, aren't terribly impressive, though we do like 3rd-round center **Pat Elflein**, and the OL should be more respectable this year compared to last. Cook has plenty of experience running behind a bad offensive line at FSU, but going to the NFL is a huge change. Combine that with Murray ostensibly filling third-down/goal-line work, and **Jerick McKinnon** still lurking, and the questions surrounding Cook's immediate value are the most prominent out of all the backs selected in the first two rounds. We do usually see the cream rise to the top in the NFL, and Cook is their best overall back, so we're expecting him to emerge at some point. He's a good fit for where they're trending offensively, which is to be more of a passing team. His early ADP was sitting at around 70 overall (RB26), which is 1 to 2 rounds higher than we'd feel comfortable drafting him.

34. LEGARRETTE BLOUNT (PHI, 30)

TALENT OVERVIEW: If Blount doesn't get volume, his lack of upside leaves just a small margin for error. When he faces a good run defense that will stand up to him, he can look very slow. At his best, he'll simply run people over once he gets a head of steam, but he doesn't have quick feet and won't really make anyone miss or find his way through small cracks. He's big and physical at his best, but sometimes he shies away from contact and doesn't use his size to his advantage, à la **Brandon Jacobs**. But he's also not nearly as quick on his feet as Jacobs was in his prime, so we have a guy in Blount who falls forward and picks up yards, and can occasionally bust a big one with his athletic tackle-breaking ability (he has been known to leap over defenders). Still, without a presence in the passing game, Blount has no real upside due to his very basic skill set, and he also has major fumbling issues. He's the perfect example of a guy who needs TD opportunities to come through for fantasy. Fortunately for Blount owners, he got those opportunities in spades in 2016.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Blount had never scored double-digit rushing TDs in his first six seasons, so of course he crushed **Curtis Martin**'s team record (14) with a whopping 18 scores. Blount had the most rushing TDs in a season since **Adrian Peterson** scored 18 times back in 2009. He was the king of scoring from on top of the goal line, with 11 of his TDs coming from a yard away, and his average end-zone appearance was from just 7.3 yards away. Keep in mind his average was greatly aided by 41- and 43-yard TDs. Blount scored TDs in all but three of his games and he topped 10+ FPs in all but four games. He finished the year with 299/1161/18 rushing (3.9 YPC) and 7/38/0 receiving on 8 targets (87.5% catch rate, 5.4 YPR) in 16 games. Blount averaged 14.8 FPG, ranking 13th at the position behind **Latavius Murray**. He played on 47% of the snaps and had 39.79% of the team's touches. Blount's production did tail off a bit once **Dion Lewis** returned, averaging 12.3 FPG on 117/483/6 rushing in Weeks 11–17. Playing beside just **James White** in Weeks 1–10, Blount averaged 16.8 FPG on 182/678/12 rushing.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Assuming the Eagles cut the injured **Ryan Mathews** to save $4 million in cap space (which they will), Philadelphia has one of the juiciest slices of pie left behind in any NFL backfield this offseason, with the fourth-highest percentage of available RB opportunities from 2016. Believe it or not, their motley crew of RBs actually was one of the most run-heavy sets in the entire league in 2016 in key TD situations. The Eagles have one of the NFL's deepest and most effective offensive lines, as they were in the top half of the NFL in not allowing run plays to be stuffed behind the line of scrimmage. Blount is a more dangerous open-field runner than you would expect, and Philly's line should be able to spring him. Still, Blount has just two seasons of 200 or more carries on his resume, including last year, and it would be prudent to project him in the 170–190 range in Philly. Moreover, Blount is a total zero in the passing game, and the Eagles have multiple backs who excel in that department. There's a good chance Blount reverts back to his inconsistent fantasy days, in which he scores 8–10 rushing TDs, but spreads them out far more than he did a season ago. We expect him to be the first Eagle RB taken in drafts this summer, rising from his spring ADP of RB53 to somewhere in the 30–35 range. In that range, we can take him or leave him.

35. DUKE JOHNSON (CLE, 24)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Immediately the standout ability of Johnson on film is his lateral agility and burst. There's some **LeSean McCoy** in there, and "creative" was a word that came to mind when watching Johnson. Once he gets to the second level, he's going to be really tough to corral, because he also has breakaway speed. Johnson's also an *excellent* receiver, hauling in 69 passes in his three seasons at The U, then 114 in two seasons with the Browns, while running a variety of routes and showing the ability to adjust to errant throws. And perhaps most importantly, he's a very good pass protector despite his slight frame. Sometimes Johnson's patience will hurt him to a fault, and he could lose yardage on a higher percentage of carries than you might like to see, and occasionally he'll lose momentum when trying to shake defenders. He doesn't run particularly low to the ground, so he won't break a ton of tackles either. Johnson's running style may limit him to more of a rotational role in a zone scheme, but his receiving and blocking ability will ensure he gets a shot to play on fantasy-friendly third downs.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Duke put up very similar numbers to his 2015 rookie season, but his campaign will go down as a minor disappointment because most expected him to make a bit of a jump in his second season. Heck, the Browns were trailing just about every week, and Johnson couldn't put up better receiving numbers this season. Like many skill players in this offense, he was really hurt by inconsistent QB play and the revolving door at the position. HC **Hue Jackson** did use him in the backfield and out wide, as he was utilized mostly as a receiver once again while **Isaiah Crowell** clearly worked as the lead back. Duke finished with 73/358/1 rushing (4.9 YPC) and 53/514/0 receiving on 74 targets (71.6% catch rate, 9.7 YPR) in 16 games. He averaged 9.1 FPG, tying him with **Chris Ivory** for 42nd at the position. Johnson played on 44% of the snaps, saw a 13.3% target share, and had 20.58 of the team's touches. Duke averaged an impressive 1.16 fantasy points per touch—the league average for the position was .70. Duke was one of just five RBs with 70+ rushing attempts and 15+ receptions who averaged at least 4.6 YPC and 8.6 YPR. The other four were **Ezekiel Elliott**, **Jordan Howard**, **Devonta Freeman**, and **Rex Burkhead**. He now has just 1 rushing TD and 2 receiving TDs in his first two seasons, so he obviously hasn't shown much of a knack for finding the end zone, and it also doesn't help that the Browns have trouble scoring to begin with.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We were high last summer on **Isaiah Crowell** as a fantasy value, and he clearly was in 2016. But with an ADP of around 40, Crowell is not a value this year, even behind an improved OL. Duke is more role player than he is bell cow, and he's not going to be a true difference-maker unless Crowell is hurt. But on the heels of a so-so '16 season, with a PPR ADP of around 130 (RB47), Johnson is a tremendous value and has an excellent chance to significantly out-produce his low draft status. He's not nearly as appealing in non-PPR leagues, but there's only upside to using a 10th or 11th-round pick on Duke in full-point and half-point PPR leagues.

36. MIKE GILLISLEE (NE, 26)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Gillislee has had a roundabout career thus far, but in Buffalo

in 2016, he carved out a role as a rotational player with a nose for the goal line, earning him the nickname "Touchdown Mike." Gillislee has been one of the most efficient runners in the league over the last two seasons, showing excellent ability for bursting through holes at the point of attack. Gillislee has put on some weight since arriving in the NFL, around 10 lbs., and it suits him well in short yardage. He's also capable of looking for the big run at times, but he doesn't overdo it. He hasn't had much of an impact in the passing game thus far in his career, but he's at least shown he's minimally capable in that department. He's just a good, hard-nosed back.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Gillislee certainly flashed at times in a limited role behind **LeSean McCoy** and **Karlos Williams** in 2015, averaging 5.7 YPC on 47 totes and scoring 3 TDs. With Williams unable to get out of his own way and earning his release in training camp, Gillislee got the chance to be the primary backup and took full advantage of his opportunity. He finished with 101/577/18 rushing (5.7 YPC) and 9/50/1 receiving on 11 targets (81.8% catch rate, 5.6 YPR) in 15 games. Gillislee averaged 8.4 FPG, tying him for 48th at the position with the likes of **Thomas Rawls**, **Matt Asiata**, and **Shane Vereen**. Gillislee averaged an impressive 1.14 fantasy points per touch—the league average for the position was .70. He led all runners with 100+ carries with his impressive 5.7 yards per carry average, and he played on 28% of the snaps and saw 16.44% of the team's touches. Per PFF, Gillislee was also top-8 in the NFL in his elusive rating, yardage after contact, and his number of 15+ yard runs. Gillislee proved to be a threat in his own right and a great pairing with McCoy, and OC **Anthony Lynn** preferred Gillislee down near the goal line by the middle of the season, as he ended up vulturing Shady quite a bit.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: This backfield is one of the most crowded ones we've ever seen, which is worrisome considering how the Patriots can be match-up-specific in their utilization of their RBs. But ultimately, as much as we were intrigued by their signing of **Rex Burkhead**, we have to submit that Gillislee—who got a longer two-year deal and more money than Burkhead—is probably a little more talented than Rex, and Gillislee's body of work, while not extensive, is larger than the former Bengal. Gillislee might be better off coming off the bench, as opposed to truly carrying the rushing load, but that could be a moot point in this crowded backfield. We see Gillislee as a 175-200 touch guy this year on the Pats, and if he's the clear goal-line back, then he'll have a chance to settle in as a solid RB3/flex. But if Rex is well involved in short-yardage and/or gets opportunities on all three downs, Gillislee should be close to what he was last year, which is a productive guy who is hard to trust on a week-to-week basis. He's not a terrible pick at his ADP of 90 (RB35), but he's certainly not an appealing value on a team with zero allegiance to any of their RBs.

37. KAREEM HUNT (KC, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Hunt has exceptional balance, phenomenal power, and just an innate toughness to his game that's hard to replicate. He's a willing blocker, a competent receiver, and an all-around competitor. We were prepared to rank him very aggressively ... until a poor showing at the NFL Combine. Now, it's worth noting the only thing "poor" about Hunt's Combine was the fact that his 40 time was 4.62. He had a very good 36.5" vertical, and a solid 119" broad jump. He's not **Alvin Kamara** in the lower-body explosion department, but those numbers will do. However, he didn't run the agility drills, and it left us wondering why. Perhaps Hunt's size has something to do with it. Toledo listed him at 225, he played that big on film, but weighed in at just 209 at the Senior Bowl, where he dominated. Then, he weighed in at 216 just a couple weeks later at the Combine. In college, Hunt also had a couple of issues. He was suspended two games for a violation of team rules in 2015, and also missed time with ankle and hamstring injuries. However, he stayed out of trouble and on the field stayed healthy, and was a truly dominant player as a senior.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Hunt handled a true three-down workload at Toledo, posting 5500 yards from scrimmage and 45 TDs in his four years with the Rockets. Hunt took a huge step forward as a senior, especially in the passing game, when he added 41 receptions to his 262 carries, meaning he averaged 23.3 touches per game in his final year on campus.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We love this spot for Hunt, who is clearly viewed as highly by the Chiefs as we view him—a 3rd-round pick is early for a running back in this day and age. **Spencer Ware** (4.3 YPC) was the only Chief RB to average more than 3.3 YPC last year, though **Tyreek Hill** helped offset some of that. Ware was certainly effective enough, especially as a receiver, but he really started to wear down in his first year as a full-time runner, and surprisingly scored just 5 total TDs. We expect Ware to enter the season as the Chiefs' top back, since he wasn't bad last year, but Hunt will have a chance to emerge here, for sure. He may not play a lot right away, but we do believe he could have the Chiefs' lead back role as early as mid-season. His ADP will surely rise from its initial 135 (RB48) spot, but even if he's going off the board in the top 100 this summer, we still like him as a potential steal for later in the season.

38. DARREN SPROLES (PHI, 34)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Sproles might be the smallest player at his position in the NFL, but his versatility keeps defensive coordinators awake at night. He's a natural receiver and great route runner, and in the slot or coming out of the backfield, he's a nightmare matchup for a LB or safety. While most dangerous in the open field because of his lateral agility, Sproles is able to get to the edge quickly and turn upfield, and he can "make himself skinny" and run between the tackles on draw plays. He's also an excellent punt returner. One area of concern: After not fumbling in 2011 or 2012, Sproles fumbled 9 times over the last four seasons combined, and he's actually struggled with some dropped passes of late.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Darren, please never retire. Sproles is entering his age-34 season in 2017, but he might as well be entering his age 24 season. In many ways, he looked like the Eagles' best offensive player in 2016. Playing in 15 games (missing one with a concussion), Sproles posted 94/438/2 rushing (4.7 YPC) and 52/427/2 receiving on 71 targets (8.2 YPR, 73.3% catch rate) to finish 33rd among RBs at 10.8 FPG. At 511 total snaps and a 48.9% snap rate when active, he led all Eagle RBs. He turned in eight top-24 RB finishes and one more as a top-36 RB, so there was a reasonable expectation for fantasy that Sproles would be a viable PPR flex. Twice he went for over 100 yards from scrimmage, and six times did he touched the ball 10 or more times on offense. In terms of total touches, Sproles' 146 were his most in a single season since he had 173 with the Saints in 2011. And he never once looked like he lost a step, showing the same elusiveness that has made him famous.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Even with **LeGarrette Blount** added to this backfield, we still see Sproles as being in line for 150 touches, which is a pretty good number given his solid 1.11 fantasy point per touch last year (league average was .91). He's merely just a depth piece and bye week fill-in, but he's a good one and his 140 ADP (RB51) make him a solid selection in the latter stages of a draft, and unlike others drafted in this range, he's guaranteed a role for all 16 games as long as he's healthy.

39. KENNETH DIXON (BAL, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: We didn't get a huge look at Dixon as a rookie, as he played in just 12 games and touched the ball 118 times, but there's still plenty to like about his game. A couple things stand out when you watch Dixon: he's both elusive and competitive. Dixon made it a point to try to make defenders miss on a consistent basis, but also wasn't afraid to stick his nose into the muck and fight for extra yards in college. The issue with this approach in the NFL is that Dixon just doesn't have an explosive lower-body build, which may restrict him to strictly rotational work in the future. Dixon doesn't have great open-

field speed, but he more than makes up for it with his loose hips and his ability to make defenders miss. There's also some subtlety to Dixon's movement, as he didn't waste motion on his jukes, ensuring the smoothest possible transition to his next move. Indeed, Dixon has phenomenal body control, which is evident on film. And that's not even describing Dixon's best trait, which is his receiving, though he needs to improve as a blocker. Unfortunately, he's already behind the eight ball in 2017, as he will begin the season with a four-game PED suspension.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Dixon sprained his MCL in the third preseason game, and the injury really derailed the first half of his season. He missed the first four games, and it really took until Week 10 for him to make an impact and to get back into game shape. Dixon hit double-digit FPs in five of his last eight games, averaging 11.8 FPG in that stretch. He had plenty of ups and downs as a rookie, but he saw more snaps, carries and yards than **Terrance West** in four of their last six games. Dixon finished with 88/382/2 rushing (4.3 YPC) and 30/162/1 receiving on 41 targets (73.2% catch rate, 5.4 YPR) in 12 games. He averaged 8.5 FPG, ranking 47th at the position behind **Rob Kelley**. He played 31% of the snaps and saw 15.39% of the team's touches. Dixon averaged an impressive .87 fantasy points per touch—the league average for the position was .70. The Ravens finished 28th with 91.4 rushing yards per game, and they ran the ball a franchise-record low 367 times. West and Dixon played well, but the Ravens weren't committed to the run and turned more to their short passing game. Dixon is a capable receiver but was a liability as a pass blocker, which is why **Kyle Juszczyk** played so much in passing situations.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Ravens claim they would have done it no matter what, but their signing of veteran **Danny Woodhead** on the same day they announced Dixon was suspended (four games) was worrisome. The Ravens often used FB **Kyle Juszczyk** as a third-down back, in part because both **Terrance West** and Dixon struggled to pick up the blitz last year, but Woodhead is a pro in that regard. The Ravens do like throwing to their RBs—**Joe Flacco** targeted a RB 21.9% of his attempts last year (7th-highest in the league)—and Juszczyk and **Justin Forsett** represent 76 departed targets. But no matter how you slice it, Woodhead's presence hurts Dixon's fantasy potential in 2017. He'll now have to beat West out for the early-down work to have a chance, but the good news is that it's certainly possible. Dixon wasn't healthy for much of his rookie season (knee sprain), and he's more talented than West, so he could actually be a sneaky fantasy pick at his ADP, which was around 100 (RB38) in the spring. At his best and with 175+ touches, Dixon would be a nice flex starter this year, even with Woodhead around.

40. MATT FORTE (NYJ, 31)

TALENT OVERVIEW: At his best, Forte is really fun to watch when he gets to the edge because he turns on the jets seemingly out of nowhere. When working his way through traffic, he reminds us of **Arian Foster**, in that he kind of "glides," appearing as if he's moving slower than he actually is. And when he's in the open field, he's capable of making defenders miss. His moves aren't very flashy, but they're effective. He can make grabs out of the backfield and when he's split out wide against a linebacker or safety—against whom he's a miserable matchup in the slot because he excels at route running. He's had some problems with fumbles (19 in 134 career games) and injuries, but overall, he's a "no-flash, all-production" type of player who has been the main cog of an offense. On the downside, he's not a particularly powerful runner, he struggles as a blocker, and at age 31, his days of being a true foundation back may be over.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Forte turned 31 in early December, but he started to show his age at the end of the season after the Jets ran Forte into the ground. His body broke down in December and he landed on the IR before the season finale with knee and shoulder injuries. He needed arthroscopic knee surgery for his torn meniscus, which could limit him this offseason (not that he needs many offseason reps at this point in his career). Forte finished with 218/813/7 rushing (3.7 YPC) and 30/263/1 receiving on 43 targets (69.8% catch rate, 8.8 YPR) in 14 games. He averaged 13.3 FPG, which ranked him 20th at the position, but it was his worst fantasy season of his nine-year career. Forte finished with 3.7 yards per carry, his worst average since his second season back in 2009 when he averaged 3.6. He also had by far his worst production as a receiver—his previous career lows were 44/340 in 2012—which we can somewhat attribute to **Ryan Fitzpatrick** and the terrible Jets QB play in 2016. Forte played on 53% of the snaps, had an 8 % target share, and led the Jets with 36.26% of the team's touches. Forte was a little too boom-or-bust for our liking, going off for 20+ FPs in four games and finishing with fewer than 10 FPs in seven of his 14 games.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Forte's really racked up a ton of touches in his college and pro career (over 3700 total), so you have to worry that his body is now finally breaking down after seeing clear signs of that in 2016. He could certainly squeeze another productive year out of his body, but we wouldn't count on it. It's clear the team is going to feature **Bilal Powell**, so Forte at least won't cost much with an early ADP of 110 (RB41o). The Jets are going to be terrible, but both Powell and Forte can rack up fantasy points in garbage time. However, things could get really ugly if they go to **Christian Hackenberg** who's not ready/never going to be ready, so there's little reason to seek Forte out in drafts this summer.

41. LATAVIUS MURRAY (MIN, 27)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Murray is a big (6'3", 225 lbs.) straight-line runner who improved significantly late in his college career, and late in his sophomore campaign in the NFL. However, some of his warts showed up when he landed a full-time job in his third season. When a hole presents itself, Murray shows a nice burst through the hole and gains a lot of momentum going up the field. He's a decisive downhill runner who eats up a lot of ground because of his long stride. He breaks tackles well while moving the pile, and he strives to keep runs alive. However, his hips are incredibly stiff, and despite his great timed breakaway speed, he doesn't get to top gear quickly. He's a mediocre receiver and pass protector, and he had a major fumbling problem in 2015 despite it not really being an issue in college. Speed is hard to teach for a guy of Murray's size, so he'll always have a limited skill set and may be best suited as part of a rotation. Fortunately, he showed up well as a short-yardage asset in 2016, his final year with the Raiders.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: All in all, 2016 was a weird year for Murray. In 14 games—he missed two early in the season with turf toe—Murray posted 195/788/12 rushing (4 YPC) and 33/264/0 receiving on 43 targets (8 YPR, 76.7% catch rate) to finish 12th at RB with 15 FPG. That finish is better than Murray's play this season. First of all, 34.3% of Murray's total scoring came from TDs, a relatively high number. And overall, Murray played just 52.9% of the Raiders' snaps when active, as Oakland consistently tried to get **Jalen Richard** and/or **DeAndre Washington** involved. Nonetheless, Murray's propensity for scoring TDs (he had 9 TDs on 17 runs inside the 5, a better percentage than anyone above him in goal-line carries) helped him to five top-12 finishes at the RB position. And his floor was reasonably high, as he finished with fewer than 10 FPs in PPR in just three of his 14 games. The problem was the Raiders' lack of full faith in him. They spent most of the early part of the season trying to replace him, and even when he got hot in the middle part of the year, they went away from him later on. He fumbled twice in a Week 15 game against the Chargers, and then saw just 20 carries total over the final two games of the season. In all, Murray provided a solid return on investment for a 4th- or 5th-round pick, but the Raiders never fully committed to him.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Viking backfield is going to be an absolute mess in 2017. Six weeks after the team signed Murray, Minnesota found themselves with their sights on **Dalvin Cook**, who they moved up to select at #41 overall,

making an already rough backfield even harder to project. Not only is the Vikings' offensive line still reeling—they were easily the worst run-blocking unit in the league in 2016—they now have a three-headed monster possibly evolving with Cook, Murray, and **Jerick McKinnon** as a receiver. To be fair, we didn't view Murray as much more than a role player heading into 2017, and we figured they would draft a quality back in a deep RB class. The best Murray can hope for is 150-170 carries, 20-25 catches, and the majority of their short-yardage carries inside the 10 and 5. His early ADP of 80 (RB31) may include data from before the Vikings drafted Cook, so to be safe we'd only target him if we needed a RB about 100 picks into a draft.

42. DERRICK HENRY (TEN, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Big men simply should not move the way Henry does. Despite a near 250-pound frame, Henry ran a 4.54 40-yard dash at the NFL Combine, which is absolutely absurd. His breakaway speed showed up on film, too, because he was near impossible to bring down in the open field after he got moving. It's one of the reasons our favorite comp for him is **Melvin Gordon**. A large part of Gordon's production at Wisconsin, as we mentioned last year, came on long breakaway runs through massive holes, one of the main reasons we ranked Gordon lower pre-draft than the consensus. We saw the same with Henry. Gordon has a tendency to stop his feet at a muddied point of attack. Same with Henry. While Gordon had explosive long speed, he took some time to accelerate and actually looked sluggish in the hole. And once again, the same with Henry. There are more positives for Henry, of course. He showcased soft hands in college (though he wasn't asked to do much, with just 17 career catches at Alabama), which in addition to his strong protection skills will help keep him on the field in fantasy-friendly situations, though he's not likely to do much outside of screens. Henry also wasn't a fumbler, putting the ball on the ground on just 5 of his 619 career touches. And indeed, while he doesn't have a ton of agility relative to his position (7.20 three-cone, 4.38 20-yard shuttle), he moves *very* well for a big man. Any player Henry's size will be hard to bring down, though he did go down a little easier in short yardage than we would like to see. The big question is if these traits for Henry will translate when he has to handle a full workload with the Titans.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Even though his rookie season started off slowly, Henry quietly ended 2016 more involved in the Titans' offense than Tennessee originally schemed for in the beginning of the year. In Weeks 1-8, Henry saw just 53 carries (6.6 per game) while he saw a much more robust 48 rushing attempts (9.6 per game) down the Titans' final five-game stretch. Now, in fairness, it is possible **DeMarco Murray**'s balky toe injury that gave him fits down the final months of the season lent itself to Henry's increased role. Still, there's no denying Henry was effective enough to earn more carries. In the Titans' final five games, Henry rushed for 48/238/4 while Murray was decidedly less efficient on his attempts (81/287/1). Perhaps just as importantly, Henry out-carried Murray 13:10 inside of the red zone in Tennessee's final five games. There's no way of telling whether or not Murray's toe injury hampered him drastically down the stretch, but Henry undoubtedly played well to end the year.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We weren't very high on Henry coming out of college or in 2016, and our RB42 ranking of him was lower than most rankings out there. Ironically, we have him at RB42 again this year in our initial 2017 rankings. The biggest issue we have with Henry has nothing to do with Henry himself—on his own he looks like a worthwhile fantasy pick. The problem is his ADP, which sat pretty high in the late-spring in the low-60s (RB24). We're lower on him than that, so we're not going to sign off on him as an early 6th-round pick. That could work out for those who take Henry that high, but we still see Murray bettering Henry almost 2-to-1 in terms of touches.

43. TERRANCE WEST (BAL, 26)

TALENT OVERVIEW: West is a physical, competitive runner with good leg drive, and he posted an impressive 40-time (4.54) at the Combine for his size (5'9", 225 lbs.), though he doesn't really show up that explosively on tape. He runs high and stiff, and will struggle to make defenders miss in the open field, but he has also displayed some good qualities, especially last year in Baltimore. He showed patience and vision, pressed the hole, and ran at low pad level while driving through contact and finishing with power. He just didn't show those traits often enough in Cleveland, which led to his release, and apparently his rededication to his craft paid off with the Ravens. West doesn't have a lot of pass drops on tape, but he mostly uses his body to catch passes, and he's had fumbling problems dating back to his time at Towson. West could succeed as a high-volume sustainer in the right offense, but more likely he'll be a rotational type, which is more than it looked like he'd be after his failed tenure with the Browns.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: West has had a strange first three seasons, and he was miscast as the Ravens' lead runner for much of the season. He did have a couple fantasy moments, especially early in the year in Weeks 4-6 when he posted 55/295/3 rushing for 18.8 FPG. He hit double-digit FPs in all three games, but he hit double digits just three other times the rest of the season. It became clear by the end of the season that rookie **Kenneth Dixon** was their best option at RB, with Dixon seeing more snaps, carries, and yards than West in four of their last six games. West finished with 193/774/5 rushing (4 YPC) and 34/236/1 receiving on 45 targets (75.6% catch rate, 6.9 YPR) in 16 games last season. He averaged 10.7 FPG, ranking him 34th at the position behind **Rashad Jennings**. West played 39% of the snaps and saw 30% of the team's touches. The Ravens finished 28th with 91.4 rushing yards per game, and they ran the ball a franchise-record low 367 times. West and Dixon played well at times, but the Ravens weren't committed to the run and turned more to their short passing game.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: At the very least, with **Kenneth Dixon** out the first four weeks of the season, West should be locked into a larger role as their early-down back and lead runner. From there, he'll have to compete with Dixon for snaps, and despite his suspension, the team would still like for Dixon to grab hold of a larger role in this backfield. The Ravens are clearly looking for more from their RBs, and Dixon brings more pop than the merely solid West. West's ADP is way down there at 145 (RB53), so there's no reason to take him until the latter stages of your draft. But he could be useful at least the first four weeks of the season.

44. JONATHAN STEWART (CAR, 30)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Although he's extremely talented, Stewart is still a volume guy who needs carries and room to work, and we haven't seen it consistently in his career, thanks to both role (prior to 2015) and injuries (most every year). So we can only focus on what we do know: Stewart runs downhill decisively with power, shows enticing speed, and catches the ball competently. Unfortunately, he *always* seems to be hurt (only slightly an exaggeration). He's big and powerful, but he moves well enough laterally to get to the edge and make defenders miss, and when he gets in the open field, he has breakaway speed, which is impressive for a guy his size. But because of his complete inability to stay on the field, he's become impossible to trust for fantasy, contributing RB2 production for owners willing to cross their fingers that he's healthy for 12 or so games.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Stewart did run behind an injury-depleted offensive line that finished 25th in FootballOutsiders' run-blocking metrics, but he was most certainly a touchdown-or-bust fantasy option in 2016. Stewart caught only 8 passes in all of 2016 and was only "usable" in fantasy football when he scored a touchdown. In the six fully healthy games in which Stewart did not score a touchdown, he finished as a top-24 running back once (RB19 vs. Washington). Of course, Stewart did pop for RB4, RB7, and RB9 finishes in weekly PPR output on the back of multi-score games, but those were the only

three times Stewart crossed 15.1 or more FPs in PPR in a single game in 2016. Stewart still was fairly effective in his carries in 2016 and showed he still has a ton of lateral juice, but he has missed at least three games due to injury for five straight years and can really only play on first and second down.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Obviously, the Panthers didn't draft **Christian McCaffrey** at #8 overall to limit his role, but there's still work here for the recently extended Stewart. At the very least, Stewart can play on early downs and in short-yardage situations, and we wonder if the Panthers relying a little less on him with McCaffrey in tow will actually help Stewart stay healthy (he's missed at least three games due to injury in five straight seasons). He's still pretty good at the goal line, which will give him some best-ball and non-PPR value, but predicting TDs can be fickle, so Stewart is more a mid-round flex option at best. His ADP is in line with our ranking (120, RB46), and he's a decent depth option in the 10th or 11th round in most leagues.

45. DOUG MARTIN (TB, 28)

TALENT OVERVIEW: 2016 was a disaster season for Martin after signing a big contract following his huge 2015 season. In 2015, we saw Martin at his best for the first time since his rookie season of 2012. And at his best, Martin runs with the mentality of a featured back, and is a physical downhill runner who's tough to bring down with his low center of gravity. He has great vision and balance, two traits that are nearly impossible to teach. He's also a very capable and effective receiver, plus a rock-solid pass protector. But injuries have been a major issue for Martin, who missed 15 of a possible 32 games in 2013 and 2014 before playing all 16 in 2015, and missing eight games in 2016 with a hamstring injury and some late-season healthy scratches. In his injury-plagued two seasons, he looked like a plodder who ran into his own linemen too often without the burst to break tackles. And given he has to start his 2017 season with the final three weeks of a four-game drug suspension, Martin's days as a productive fantasy asset appear to be in peril.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: After injuring his hamstring and missing Weeks 3-9, playing poorly upon his return, and subsequently getting suspended (Adderall) for four games, Martin is rightfully in hot water in Tampa Bay. He was wholly unimpressive in 2016 after a strong bounce back campaign in 2015. In weekly PPR output, Martin finished as a top-12 (RB1) scorer just once in seven healthy games this past year. Martin had five top-12 performances in 2015 alone. Outside of his rookie season and a strong 1400-rushing yard performance in 2015, Martin's career has been a mixed bag. Martin has missed significant time in 2013, 2014, and 2016 due to shoulder, knee, ankle, and hamstring issues.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Bucs passed on all free agent RBs, and then they passed on **Jameis Winston's** former college teammate **Dalvin Cook**, a player rumored to be on their radar as a possible 1st-round pick. They did select a back in Boise State's **Jeremy McNichols**, and he can potentially be a three-down back for them. But based on feedback from the team post-draft, they appear to be pleased with where Martin is this year and are prepared to roll with him (once he returns from his three-game suspension) as their primary back. Martin will have competition for touches with **Charles Sims**, McNichols, and potentially one or two other RBs, so this story could change this summer, and his ADP could also shift. As long as it remains evident that he'll be their lead runner upon his return, Martin could be a sneaky pick, but only if he slips in draft and presents a strong value.

46. JAMAAL CHARLES (DEN, 30)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Have season-ending injuries in back-to-back years completely robbed Charles of the traits that made him special? At his best, Charles was one of the toughest runners pound-for-pound in the league, with both vertical and lateral explosion. Additionally, he has a great feel at the point of attack, making him a good goal-line runner despite his slighter frame. He's also a quality receiver split away from the formation. Unfortunately, he's now 30, and he's suffered season-ending knee injuries in three of his last six seasons. It's really hard to trust that kind of track record.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Sometimes, we take for granted how difficult it is to return from an ACL injury. It seems that so many athletes return with little to no complications that we almost ignore the possibility of an injury lasting longer than expected. Well, Charles serves as a cautionary tale. After tearing his ACL in October 2015, Charles' recovery was consistently "behind" schedule, so much so that he was inactive for the Chiefs' first three games. When he returned, he was only able to play in three games before going down with damage in *both* knees, requiring surgery to repair a meniscus in each knee. In those three games, Charles played a total of 27 snaps and managed 12/40/1 rushing and 2/14 receiving on 3 targets.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: There's talk of an RBBC in Denver this year, which makes sense because if Charles can play, he's going to play a lot, but at this point he can't be over-exposed. If Charles' health checks out and he can still perform at even 75-80% of what he once was, he'll have clear fantasy value because he doesn't need to leave the field in any situation. Denver's upgraded their OL and they have a little more juice at receiver this year, plus their young QBs at least now have some experience, so this could be a solid situation overall. Charles' health is a tough element to pin until we're well into August, so it's hard to say if his early ADP of 110 (RB 41) is fair or not. But at that ADP, the possible payoff probably exceeds the cost.

47. GIOVANI BERNARD (CIN, 25)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Bernard is only 5' 8" and 202 lbs., but his legs are strong enough to carry defenders and he runs with a low center of gravity, so defenders can't square him up. He has quick feet and a short stride, so he can surprise defenders with explosive, lateral cuts. He has great vision and patience, allowing lanes and holes to develop, which makes him very effective on screen and draw plays. While he's quick laterally, he doesn't have extreme breakaway speed, although he's able to generate big plays by using his underrated physicality to shed tackles. Bernard has also fumbled just three times in 770 NFL touches thus far, so he's reliable. Unfortunately, his frame prevents him from being a true three-down back, and while he can occasionally get low and convert short-yardage opportunities, he's much better served as a rotational/flex type of back, where he can make plays in open space.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Bengals took a one-two punch to the gut in Week 11, losing Gio for the season to a torn ACL and also losing **A.J. Green** for the season to a hamstring injury. Bernard was once again working as the primary change-of-pace/passing back next to lead runner **Jeremy Hill**. Gio did hit double-digit FPs in five of his last six games before his injury after failing to hit that mark in three of his first four games. He finished with 91/337/2 rushing (3.7 YPC) and 39/336/1 receiving on 51 targets (76.5% catch rate, 8.6 YPR) in 10 games. He averaged 12.4 FPG, tying with **Bilal Powell** for 24th overall at the position. Gio played on 57% of the Bengals' snaps, had 9.4% target share, and saw 17.24% of the touches. Bernard averaged an impressive .96 fantasy points per touch—the league average for the position was .70—but he did finish under 4 YPC for the first time in his four-year career. The Bengals have had one of the best O-lines in the league the last few years, but the unit really struggled in 2016, which certainly didn't benefit Bernard and Hill.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Bernard is coming off of an ACL-tear (still limited in the OTAs) and one of his worst seasons as a pro. Rookie **Joe Mixon** has major off-the-field concerns, but there's no question both **Jeremy Hill** (and possibly, to a lesser extent Bernard) have fallen out of favor in Cincinnati. The Bengals lost two key linemen in **Andrew Whitworth** and **Kevin Zeitler** this offseason, which is not great news for Gio because he struggled running the ball with those two guys there last year. Gio will remain involved in the passing

game once he's 100% healthy, but Mixon should get every chance to be the lead back for the Bengals, who in theory can do a lot of the things Gio does in the passing game from Day One. The saving grace is that Mixon will likely need some time before he's ready to step into a prominent role. His early ADP wasn't very high (120, RB44), but we'd like to see Gio slip even more before we view him as palatable for RB depth.

48. CHARLES SIMS (TB, 27)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Sims does a lot of the things you look for from a three-down RB. He can run, catch, and pass protect, and he does it all in a decent-sized package. That said, despite a very good vertical burst and timed speed, he can look a little robotic when changing directions. Sims has excellent vision and sets up his blocks, but it can lead to indecisiveness at times behind the line of scrimmage. He's a competitive runner and breaks through arm tackles, but he can go down on first contact too often and doesn't play with enough power, despite his size. He's often been compared to **Matt Forte**, but he's a lower-case version. At this stage, he's a very effective player as part of a rotation, and he can clearly have fantasy value in that role, but he wasn't that impressive as a three-down back in 2016.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Sims dealt with major knee and pectoral injuries in 2016. What's more, he has just 224 carries and 94 receptions through three pro seasons (10.25 touches per game). Two of Sims' first three years have been cut short due to injury, but at least he's been more efficient in the carry department than **Doug Martin**. 35% of Sims' carries with the Bucs have gained 5+ yards compared to Martin's 30% rate during the same span (2014-16).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Time appears to be running out for Sims, who has looked good at times but has been slowed by injuries and doesn't appear to be much more than a changeup and third-down back. There's plenty of competition in this backfield, so even though **Doug Martin** is out of the mix the first three games of the season, there's no guarantee that Sims will have a large role. The Bucs could roll with **Jacquizz Rodgers** while Martin is out, and as the season progresses, rookie **Jeremy McNichols** could become a larger factor. Sims won't cost much in drafts this summer (150 ADP, RB55), which makes him a viable depth piece. But unless things look ultra-positive for him in August, he's not a player we're very excited about.

49. CHRIS THOMPSON (WAS, 26)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Thompson is a quick, elusive back who has struggled with multiple injuries since his time in college. He has the speed and quickness to turn the corner, shows a burst through the hole, and he can string together several moves to make defenders miss. He's a solid receiver out of the backfield who consistently makes receptions with his hands. Although he plays bigger than his listed size, and gives effort in all areas of the game, he's not a big yards-after-contact guy, so he's merely a changeup and complementary runner in the NFL.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: By total snaps, Thompson was Washington's lead back. He played 489 snaps on the full year, and at 46%, both his total and snap share led all Washington RBs. However, you wouldn't know it by his final stat line. In 16 games, Thompson posted just 68/356/3 rushing (5.2 YPC) and 49/349/2 receiving on 62 targets (7.1 YPR, 79% catch rate). He averaged 9.3 FPG, which tied him for 44th among all RBs. The reason? Among all RBs with 400 or more snaps, only **James White** touched the ball on a lower percentage of snaps than Thompson (24%, league average of 42%). So among bell cow RBs, or at least RBs who were actively part of a rotation, Thompson could only be expected to touch the ball about half as much as the average RB. It led to a reasonable floor for fantasy, but a miserably low ceiling. On the year, Thompson ranked as a top-36 RB 11 times in PPR, but ranked in the top 24 just twice. He was a viable flex option in deeper leagues, but was never much more than that. In many ways, he's a poor man's **Darren Sproles**.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We figured last year that Thompson would get a lot of snaps, and he was on the field for almost 50%, but we're still disappointed he didn't do more as a fantasy option given he was the top passing down back on a team that threw the ball so often. He had a solid season overall, but it didn't mean much for fantasy. Couple that fact with his injury history, and Thompson isn't particularly appealing. His ADP is really low at almost 200 (RB63), so he's a free pick with one of your final picks. Based on his role, he'll probably out-produce his ADP significantly if healthy, but he was also a top-50 fantasy back in 2016, and it didn't really mean much.

50. ALVIN KAMARA (NO, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Kamara has shown no traits of a true feature back, especially with his indecisiveness running inside and Tennessee's almost exclusively shotgun attack. But, he could be an immediate impact player in a rotation or in a certain type of offense. An impressive Combine pushed him up the draft boards. Kamara didn't participate in the agility drills (which was a common theme among RBs in this Combine), but he showed fantastic explosion with an elite 131" broad jump and 39.5" vertical jump. That explosion shows up on tape when Kamara gets to the perimeter or is given a bunch of open space as a return man, even though there isn't much wiggle to him at all. He was often separated from the formation as a receiver or used in motion on jet sweeps, and he has enough short-area burst to bounce off arm tackles. His blocking technique is merely OK, but more importantly, he's willing to stick his nose in there.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Kamara spent only two seasons at Tennessee after playing at a JUCO for his freshman year, after he spent a suspension-riddled redshirt season at Alabama (he was arrested once for driving with a suspended license, among other charges). At Tennessee, Kamara had just 284 touches in 24 games (11.8 per game), but he showed explosive third-down type ability while splitting carries with other backs (notably **Jalen Hurd**). More importantly, Kamara dedicated himself to his craft and cleaned up his behavior, and was even a captain as a junior.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Saint backfield will continue to be a massive fantasy headache, assuming they don't move **Mark Ingram**, after drafting Kamara and signing **Adrian Peterson**. But it's not like **Sean Payton** doesn't have plenty of experience getting production out of this role. The assumption, based on his college game and skill set, is that Kamara will play the **Reggie Bush/Darren Sproles** role in the Saint offense. And while Kamara doesn't figure to get more than 10-12 touches per game, keep in mind that between 2007 and 2013, that same Saint RB mold produced four top-12 PPR FPG seasons (two each for Bush and Sproles). We don't expect Peterson to siphon much work from Kamara, since they're completely different players, but he will have to watch out for the balanced Ingram and Payton's favorite vultures, **Travaris Cadet** and **John Kuhn**.

51. DION LEWIS (NE, 26)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Lewis hadn't played a snap in nearly three years when he made his first appearance for the Patriots in 2015, but he looked like he was a highly drafted RB prospect prior to his season-ending ACL injury. Though absolutely undersized at 5'8" and 195 lbs., Lewis plays bigger than that, showing he's a willing runner between the tackles, though no one will mistake him for a power back. He's capable of using his small frame to navigate the cracks at the point of attack, and he's extremely elusive in the open field. Lewis is also an excellent receiver, and he can line up outside and in the slot to exploit mismatches. His frame likely prevents him from ever being a 200-carry type of back (as his constant injury woes the last two years seem to confirm), but he's capable enough in every area to be a consistent fantasy threat and a nightmare for opposing defensive coordinators ... as long as he's on the field, of course.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Patriots are good no matter what, but they're a *perfect 18-0* over the last two years with Lewis on the field. Lewis missed the first nine games of the season because of a clean-up knee surgery in August after tearing his ACL in November of 2015. He didn't really make a huge impact until the playoffs—he hit double-digit FPs just once in the regular season—when we went off for 3 TDs against the Texans in the Divisional Round. He finished the year with 64/283/0 rushing (4.4 YPC) and 17/94/0 receiving on 24 targets (70.8% catch rate, 5.5 YPR) in seven games. He averaged 7.8 FPG, played on 32% of the snaps, and had 10.53% of the team's touches. White was more fantasy relevant than Lewis was in Weeks 11-17, averaging 10.1 FPG. Lewis averaged an impressive .34 fantasy points per snap—the league average for the position was .24. He did injure his hamstring near the end of the Super Bowl, but he'll have plenty of time to get healthy for their offseason program.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Lewis may be the most balanced RB in New England's backfield, with elite elusiveness, solid receiving skills, and the ability to run between the tackles. But he's not as effective in short yardage as **Mike Gillislee**, and he isn't as good a receiver as **James White**. Additionally, he's had significant injury issues. He's shown flashes of being a true fantasy star in the past, but he may just lack the chance at this stage given the deep Patriot backfield. Nonetheless, his talent warrants a mid-late round pick, just on the *chance* he gets a load of snaps. At least his ADP of around 140 (RB51) makes him very affordable as a depth option.

52. JAMES WHITE (NE, 25)

TALENT OVERVIEW: White has always been part of a running back committee dating back to his time at Wisconsin, so he's a fit with the Patriots and what they like to do, as we've seen. He can make defenders miss in the open field, but he goes down on first contact too much and lacks power to run through defenders. In fact, he's been outright useless as a traditional runner, much like **Theo Riddick**. That said, White is good in pass protection because of his effort, despite his short arms and small hands. He's also an exceptional receiver and route runner, so he fits well into the team's RB rotation in the third-down role.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: White played a huge part in the Patriots' unbelievable Super Bowl comeback, scoring twice and catching 14 passes in their rally from 25 points down. White has developed into one of the better receivers out of the backfield, but the Patriots have very little use for him as a runner other than the occasional carry to keep defenses honest. Many thought his role in the offense could evaporate when **Dion Lewis** returned in Week 11, but White saw almost no drop off in production with the Patriots using all three backs. White posted 28/112/0 rushing and 33/290/3 receiving for 10.3 FPG without Lewis in Weeks 1-10. He posted 11/54/0 rushing and 27/261/2 receiving for 10.1 FPG in Weeks 11-17, while Lewis averaged just 7.8 FPG in that span. White finished the year with 39/166/0 rushing (4.3 YPC) and 60/551/5 receiving on 86 targets (69.8% catch rate, 9.2 YPR) in 16 games. He averaged 10.2 FPG, ranking 35th at the position behind **Terrance West**. He played on 38% of the snaps, saw a 15.9% target share, and had 12.87% of the team's touches. White averaged an impressive 1.63 fantasy points per touch—the league average for the position was .70.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Ugh. We'd *love* to back White as a monster PPR option, as he showed he can be during the playoffs last season with his massive Super Bowl performance, but the Patriots added both **Mike Gillislee** and **Rex Burkhead** during the offseason, and still have **Dion Lewis** as well. On top of that, White is extremely limited as a pure runner and gets almost all of his value in the passing game. He's a late pick in PPR, because we anticipate him being inconsistent, despite signing a contract extension. His early ADP of around 140 (RB49) is very close to how we have him rated.

53. SHANE VEREEN (NYG, 28)

TALENT OVERVIEW: While Vereen has very good straight-line speed, he doesn't have the lateral elusiveness that some elite backs of his size have. But what he *does* have is exceptional receiving ability for his position. While he can't break a lot of tackles because of his size limitations, he does keep his legs moving and fights for as many yards as possible, and he does a solid job getting to the perimeter. It's in open space where Vereen can use his speed to create big plays. He's fairly strong and recognizes the blitz well, making him an effective blocker and an ideal fit for third-down work as part of a backfield rotation. Of course, to stay in such a rotation, he needs to actually be on the field, and he missed 11 games in 2016 after playing all 16 in back-to-back years.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Vereen played in three games to start the season, before going down with a torn triceps that would eventually end his season. He finished as a top-36 RB in all of them, including as the #16 PPR RB in Week 3, the game in which he was injured. That finish was the highest Giant RB finish in PPR until Week 10. In all, Vereen played in five games, posting 33/158/1 rushing (4.8 YPC) and 11/94/0 receiving on 19 targets (8.5 YPR, 57.9% catch rate). He averaged 8.4 FPG, which tied him for 54th among RBs. Of course, that counts the two games Vereen played in Weeks 14 and 15 after returning from IR, in which he totaled just 5 touches before reinjuring his triceps.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: It wouldn't be outrageous to think Vereen could be the top-scoring RB in this Giant backfield. While he's never been a particularly effective interior runner, he's an excellent receiver, and could have some level of **Theo Riddick**-like fantasy value. With presumed starter **Paul Perkins** completely unproven, a healthy Vereen could have a monopoly on third-down snaps, at least in the early going. That makes him a value as a late bench pick in PPR formats, especially since he's seemingly buried on everyone's draft board. His ADP is well over 200, so he's a free pick.

54. WENDELL SMALLWOOD (PHI, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: A measurables wizard who showed some good things as a rookie, especially in terms of speed and toughness, Smallwood nonetheless has looked more like a bit player in the NFL than a true three-down back. Most importantly, Smallwood caught just 6 of 13 targets as a rookie, which is something he needs to improve upon for the future. He's a downhill speed guy who runs really tough, which at the very least gives him some rotational value, and he can also return kickoffs as well. We just doubt he's big enough to be a true fantasy stud, at least for the style of player he is.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: In his rookie season in 2016, the former West Virginia star played in 13 games (missing the final three with an MCL sprain), posted 77/312/1 rushing (4.1 YPC) and 6/55 receiving on 13 targets (9.2 YPR, 46.2% catch rate) to rank tied for 86th among RBs with 3.7 FPG. Smallwood played just 17.9% of the Eagles' snaps when active, but certainly showed some positive traits and burst. He saw 10 or more touches in just four different games though, so we don't have a large sample on him. He also made some rookie mistakes—a late fumble against Dallas in Week 8 pretty much cost the Eagles a win (it was a foolish move by **Doug Pederson** however, handing Smallwood his first carry of the game in the fourth quarter in his own territory). Perhaps Smallwood's most impressive showing as a rookie was posting 79 yards from scrimmage on the road in Seattle, so he should feel good overall about his rookie campaign.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Smallwood's potential fantasy value took a major hit with the Eagles' signing of **LeGarrette Blount** in May. While Smallwood isn't an *ideal* early-down back, he may be the guy best suited for the role on the roster, should Blount go down or be ineffective for whatever reason. But given this depth chart as it currently stands, Smallwood is a late-round pick at best. It's hard to envision him having fantasy value while playing behind both Blount and **Darren Sproles**.

55. JALEN RICHARD (OAK, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: A low-to-the-ground bowling ball, Richard surprised as a UDFA in 2016, earning a consistent role in Oakland's backfield alongside fellow rookie **DeAndre Washington**. What edge Washington has in lateral agility Richard makes up for in straight-line burst. Richard plays bigger than his frame, which is just 207 lbs., but he's solidly built. Richard is a decent receiver and a willing blocker who can also contribute as a return man. He may actually be the better fit for an early-down role than Washington, though his upside may be a little bit capped. Nonetheless, he had a strong rookie season, and should carve out a role in the NFL.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Richard (and, to a lesser extent, **DeAndre Washington**) had an odd rookie season in that he was very efficient and was consistently involved in the Raider offense, but was rarely more than a deep flyer for fantasy. In 16 games, Richard posted 83/492/1 rushing (5.9 YPC) and 29/194/2 receiving on 39 targets (6.7 YPR, 74.4% catch rate). With 7.2 FPG, he finished tied for 61st among RBs. Richard burst onto the scene in Week 1 with a #12 overall finish at RB, on the heels of a 75-yard TD run on his first NFL carry. Coincidentally, that was Richard's only finish as a top-12 RB all year. He had four more finishes inside the top 24 at RB, but those games were the only time Richard finished with double-digit fantasy points in PPR. In all, he played just 21.2% of the offensive snaps for Oakland on the year, so despite his explosive playmaking ability, he couldn't earn a consistent role. Richard had 10 or more touches in only three different games, and his season-high in carries was 9 in Week 13. The Raiders *appeared* to trust him more than fellow rookie Washington, as Washington was at one point late in the year a healthy scratch, but Washington often played more snaps than Richard when both were active. Nonetheless, Richard averaged 0.49 FP/snap, which was third-most in the NFL among RBs with 200 or more snaps (only **Tevin Coleman** and **Ryan Mathews** fared better).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The biggest problem for Richard's fantasy value is that he and fellow second-year back **DeAndre Washington** siphon critical production from each other. Richard has more straight-line burst, which may make him the more ideal "handcuff" to **Marshawn Lynch**, but he also seemed to be far more effective when handling limited touches. The Raiders want more explosiveness from their backfield, so he'll have a solid role, but with Washington also in the mix, Richard is just a rotational player who's hard to count on week-in and week-out.

56. JEREMY HILL (CIN, 24)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Prior to Hill's 2014 rookie season, he drew some comparisons to **Shonn Greene**, which he immediately made look ridiculous. However, in 2015 and 2016, those comps seemed apt, which was a huge disappointment. He runs with good vision and gets skinny in the hole, and he picks up extra yardage because he runs behind his pads with a forward lean. Our **Greg Cosell** calls him a "no-frills runner, with natural power and leg drive who is at his best when he's a decisive downhill runner." But over the last two seasons, he lost some explosiveness and decisiveness, had ball-security issues, and looked far less like the franchise back he appeared to be after his rookie season. The talent is there for Hill to rebound, but for fantasy, he doesn't play enough on passing downs to have consistent value if he isn't scoring TDs. Fortunately, he's very good in short yardage.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Hill's play has declined the last two seasons after a promising finish to his rookie season in 2014. His final fantasy numbers really cover up just how ineffective he was for most of 2016. He also owes the Browns defense for making his final numbers look respectable. His only 100-yard rushing games came against the Browns, and he averaged just 2.98 YPC in 13 games when he wasn't playing against Cleveland. Hill finished with 222/839/9 rushing (3.8 YPC) and 21/174/0 receiving on 27 targets (77.8 catch rate, 8.3 YPR) in 15 games. He averaged 11.8 FPG, ranking 25th at the position just behind teammate **Giovani Bernard**. He played on 43% of the snaps and handled 32.23% of the touches for the Bengals this season. Hill averaged .40 fantasy points per snap—the league average for the position was .24. Hill did put up more consistent fantasy production when Gio went out of the lineup, averaging 15.5 FPG in Weeks 12-15, thanks in large part to 12 catches—19% of his career catches (63 overall) came in that four-game stretch. However, a knee injury derailed him in Week 16 and forced him to miss the season finale.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Bengals have obviously grown sick of Hill's poor performance, and used premium draft capital to bring in the controversial **Joe Mixon**. Hill is still capable around the goal line, which should at least give him some value as a vulture, but we're anticipating he loses his starting job to Mixon sooner rather than later. But, even if he *had* the starting job, what does that even mean given his last two seasons? His best shot at fantasy value may be as a surprise summer cut and latching on with a new team. His early ADP of 120 (RN45) indicates his draft value has dropped considerably, but to us it's still not enough.

57. T.J. YELDON (JAC, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Yeldon's a bigger back who runs tall, but he has extremely light feet and can really "slash-n-go," the style you look for in a zone runner. However, there are questions about his ability to handle a three-down workload. He played as part of a rotation at Alabama and never took the hits a three-down back would be expected to take, then struggled to stay on the field in a full-time role in his first two years with Jacksonville. He has a slim frame despite his size, with loose hips that allow him to slip through the cracks at the point of attack, though he occasionally sacrifices power for finesse and subsequently falls down to easily. Overall, Yeldon needs to work on consistency in his blocking (though he's more than willing and capable) and staying on the field to become a true three-down player in the NFL, but at least he's shown the ability to be an effective receiver at the position.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: While both dealt with various nicks and bruises along the way, **T.J. Yeldon** and **Chris Ivory**'s play suffered dramatically behind an inefficient offensive line and a less-than-stellar quarterback. Yeldon's longest rush from scrimmage last season was a measly 16 yards, while Ivory averaged a career-worst 3.8 yards per carry in 2016. As a duo, Jacksonville managed exactly zero weeks inside of the top-10 PPR scorers in 2016 (excludes Week 17). In fact, the Jaguars have only had two games in which one of their running backs scored 20 or more FPs in PPR in a single game over the past four seasons. For context, the Browns have had six individual performances where a running back has eclipsed 20+ FPs in PPR over the past four years.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We think Yeldon has the better chance to make a fantasy impact in 2017 than **Chris Ivory**, simply because he's a good receiver and that may be the area of rookie **Leonard Fournette**'s game that lags the most. That said, Yeldon has been a low-end fantasy option at best in his first two seasons, and that was *without* an outrageous talent like Fournette in the backfield. Yeldon is a late-round pick at best in PPR formats, but there is some appeal to him in larger/deeper leagues given his ridiculously low ADP of 220 (RB69). At least there's a conceivable role for him as the primary pass-catching back in Jacksonville this year.

58. DEANDRE WASHINGTON (OAK, 24)

TALENT OVERVIEW: A productive back with so-so measurables, we loved watching Washington on film in college, and a good bit of his qualities translated to the NFL in his rookie season. Washington is a small back, but he's built solidly. He runs tough, is willing to absorb hits, and he has the low center of gravity and balance to bounce off of poor tackles. He was a good receiver in college at Texas Tech, but was merely average as a rookie. And because fellow rookie

Jalen Richard also emerged, Washington wasn't able to carve out as big a role as we were hoping for in his first year. Nonetheless, he showed some positive traits that should make him at least a solid rotational piece in the NFL.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Washington was one of our favorite rookie RBs, and we loved his situation, but while he tantalized often with his dynamic ability and elusiveness, he didn't secure a big enough role to make much of a fantasy impact. In 14 games—he missed two late in the year as a healthy scratch—Washington posted 87/467/2 rushing (5.4 YPC) and 17/115/0 receiving on 23 targets (6.8 YPR, 73.9% catch rate). At 6.2 FPG, he finished 71st among RBs. The big wrench in Washington's value wasn't starter **Latavius Murray** as we had anticipated. The Raiders really did want to make Murray a rotational player, as he played barely over 50% of the Raiders' snaps in 2016. Instead, it was *another* rookie, **Jalen Richard**, who also exhibited some explosive traits and helped to minimalize Washington's fantasy impact. Washington actually played a higher percentage of snaps (24.7%) when active to Richard (21.2%), but Richard was clearly viewed, at least at one point late in the season, as the Raiders' #2. And while Richard had five top-24 finishes at RB, Washington had just one in Week 16 when he scored both of his rushing TDs on the year. Unlike Richard, Washington actually had three games of 10 or more carries, and he also had one game of 100 yards from scrimmage—that same Week 16 game. Richard had none. Washington still did plenty to impress, especially late in the season, and we think he has some outrageous elusiveness.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Raiders have a ton of talent in their backfield, starting with **Marshawn Lynch** in his return to football. Oakland wants to be more explosive with their run game, so there's a healthy role available behind Lynch. Unfortunately, their two gifted second-year backs siphon touches and production from each other. We love Washington's elusiveness, but it's hard to project a huge fantasy role when **Jalen Richard** is also in this backfield and capable of making big plays. The best thing about Washington is his ADP, which is well over 200. There's something to be said, at least, for a talent like Washington who is essentially a free fantasy pick.

59. KYLE JUSZCZYK (SF, 26)

TALENT OVERVIEW: No fullback in the NFL is more productive than "Juice," at least in terms of fantasy production. Though he's more than adequate as a blocker, using Juszczyk as a lead blocker is a waste of his talents. He's a skilled and powerful runner, at least in the open field, and he's a good enough receiver to consistently beat LBs and even safeties in coverage. His versatility makes him dangerous with a creative offensive coach, and he now has one with **Kyle Shanahan**. He may not carry the ball much as a traditional runner, but he can have a PPR fantasy impact.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Juszczyk appeared in 16 games for the Ravens in 2016 and managed 37/266/0 receiving on 39 targets. As a runner, he carried five times for 22 yards and a TD. He wasn't even a fringe fantasy asset in Baltimore, but he showed the ability to win against LBs in coverage. Keep in mind he caught 41 passes with 4 TDs in 2015, so this was no fluke season.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Juszczyk became the NFL's highest-paid fullback this offseason, and also signed the biggest contract of *any* running back. That suggests new 49er coach **Kyle Shanahan** views him as more of an offensive weapon than the Ravens did. It's not entirely out of the question "Juice" approaches 60 or so catches with the 49ers, which could give him more value as a low-end PPR asset than he's ever had before. He's a last-pick-of-the-draft type in PPR, but he's not draftable in standard leagues.

60. TIM HIGHTOWER (SF, 31)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Hightower's 2015 comeback is one of the more remarkable things we've seen in the NFL in years, and what's perhaps most impressive is that he still looked like the same useful player he was six years ago before injuries put his career on hold. A big (6'0", 220 lbs.), stout runner, Hightower isn't fast but he invites contact willingly, rarely going down on the first hit. That makes him an effective short-yardage back. In addition, he's a very good blocker and receiver, so he provides the club with excellent value in both third-and-short *and* third-and-long.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: While Hightower's story is special—he stepped away from the NFL for three years from 2012 to 2014—his talent is still lacking. Hightower played well in spurts this past year, but he really struggled down the stretch. In fact, Hightower failed to play on at least one-third of Saints' snaps in any of their final five games. Keep in mind, Hightower "replaced" a "benched" **Mark Ingram** at one point during the 2016 season, and has a reputation as a coaches' favorite.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Hightower is a well-rounded RB who has earned good rapport with his coaching staffs. The 49er backfield has a lot of depth with **Carlos Hyde**, **Joe Williams**, and others, but Hightower may well be the most complete back here. It wouldn't be shocking at all if he earns San Francisco's primary third-down work because of his ability as a receiver, blocker, and in short-yardage. At the very least, he's a solid handcuff for Hyde.

61. ZACH ZENNER (DET, 25)

TALENT OVERVIEW: An extremely productive back at FCS South Dakota State, Zenner showed extreme lower-body power with a strong performance at the NFL Combine in 2015. Zenner is a one-speed back with moderate lateral wiggle, but he can absolutely push the pile near the goal line, and he's solid as both a receiver and protector. He has struggled with injuries thus far in his NFL career, but he has enough skill to carve out a role as a third-and-short specialist and spot starter.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Lions backfield went sideways enough this season that Zenner became their lead back in the final two weeks and in the playoffs. He played well in spurts and is fine as a depth option, but he proved that he's not a weekly feature back. **Ameer Abdullah**'s season-ending foot injury early in the year tested the depth of this backfield, and **Theo Riddick** eventually wore down as the top back. The Lions gave plenty of chances to rookie **Dwayne Washington** in 2016, but Zenner proved to be the more effective option. He finished with 88/334/4 rushing (3.8 YPC) and 18/196/0 receiving (78.3% catch rate, 10.9 YPR), averaging 6.8 FPG in 14 games. Zenner saw 15.38% of the team's touches and played on 42% of the snaps. Zenner averaged an impressive .90 fantasy points per touch—the league average for the position was .70. As the lead back in Weeks 16-17 and in the playoffs, Zenner posted 43/170/3 rushing and 12/120 receiving for 19.7 FPG in three games.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Lions didn't make any significant moves in the offseason at RB, so Zenner is going to have a chance to play. Ideally, Detroit would like **Ameer Abdullah** to lock down the main early-down role, but his health and ball security issues have been significant. Zenner will at least be a strong backup in that department, with the chance to vulture away goal-line TDs as well. If Abdullah succumbs to injury yet again, Zenner would have a good chance to beat **Dwayne Washington** out for early-down work, plus Zenner can also catch the rock and serve as a lead back if needed.

62. ROBERT TURBIN (IND, 27)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Physically, Turbin is an impressive back who has the frame to take punishment in the NFL as a power runner. He runs hard, and he's also a willing blocker and receiver, which helps him get on the field in a rotational role. Turbin still needs to be a little more decisive, but he has decent speed and some quickness for his size, which has led to his being compared to former teammate **Marshawn Lynch**. Turbin definitely isn't going to be a home-run hitter in the NFL, as he doesn't have the second gear to make big plays. He has

solid quickness, though, and he gets a lot of momentum going when moving forward. On the downside, he sometimes goes down on first contact, a no-no for someone of his size, so there are questions about his strength and natural power. Still, he was excellent at the goal line and on third downs with the Colts in 2016. All in all, he's a decent backup in a run-first offense.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Even though he hilariously vultured touchdowns from **Frank Gore** in 2016, Turbin is still just a journeyman. At 27-years-old, Turbin has been on four different NFL squads and has scored 8 career touchdowns, 7 of which came in 2016 with the Colts.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Colts have a deeper backfield, with **Frank Gore** still ticking and **Marlon Mack** added through the draft. But because of his pass-protection and short-yardage skills, Indy made a point of bringing back Turbin, who was an unrestricted free agent. He remains a backup type, but if Gore were to get hurt, he'd have some fantasy juice, and at bare minimum we expect him to be a TD vulture (7 TDs in 2016).

63. KENYAN DRAKE (MIA, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: We didn't see a ton of Drake in his rookie season, but what we did see didn't shock us based on our college scouting report. Drake was a rotational player in college, and he'll likely be the same in the NFL as his career progresses. He's a big, angular kid with explosive downhill ability (4.45 40-yard dash, 123" broad jump). While he isn't as laterally agile as we might hope, he showed the ability to move around the formation and haul in passes. He also added the return game to his arsenal in 2015, and he showed his potential there with a clutch kickoff-return TD as a rookie. Drake needs to be put in a position to succeed, because he stutters his feet in traffic, goes down too much on first contact, and has a bad tendency to try to bounce runs to the outside. Drake also has a terrible fumbling problem, with 7 on just 279 offensive touches in college, despite huge 9.75" hands (he did not fumble as a rookie). But he can move all around the formation and contribute on special teams, which makes him a very interesting player at the next level.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Drake didn't make nearly the impact that many expected he would as the #3 RB taken in the 2016 draft and as the #73 overall pick. He finished with just 33/179/2 rushing (11.2 YPC) and 9/46/0 receiving (5.1 YPR) in 16 games while playing 11% of the snaps. He also added a kick-return TD and some of his biggest contributions came on special teams. Drake actually averaged 1.04 fantasy points per touch—the league average for the position was .70. He did show some big-play ability, and he actually has a pretty similar build and skillset to teammate **Damien Williams**. Drake isn't the prototypical three-down back, but he has excellent size (6'1", 216 lbs.) and receiving ability to go along with his explosiveness.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Dolphins have to hope for a big jump from Drake in 2017, especially if they'll be without **Damien Williams**, who has yet to sign his RFA tender as of press time. He could become Miami's primary passing-down back if **Jay Ajayi** fails to make a leap in that department, but there may not be enough production available there for a fantasy-relevant role. He's a WW pickup only at this point.

64. THOMAS RAWLS (SEA, 24)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Short and stout with thick legs, Rawls is a downhill runner all the way, willingly inviting contact but also showing solid vision. There's a cut-n-go element to Rawls' game, and stylistically he looks to be a good fit for both power and zone runs. Rawls extends runs with a violent stiff arm, and finishes with a lowered shoulder. On tape, Rawls showed the ability to navigate through the muck at the line of scrimmage. He had more "make you miss" ability than we thought heading into his rookie year, but he's a little herky-jerky when moving laterally, and isn't as smooth as former teammate **Marshawn Lynch**. On the downside, Rawls has had constant injury issues since entering the NFL, and has been extremely inconsistent, one of the reasons the Seahawks continue to bring in competition for him.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Rawls had a strange season, and though he finished the year as the Seahawks' leading rusher, **Christine Michael** still outplayed him overall. In nine games, Rawls posted just 109/349/3 rushing (3.2 YPC), adding 13/96 receiving on 17 targets to tie for 54th at RB with 8.4 FPG. Rawls' year got off to a bad start overall—the serious ankle injury that ended his 2015 season lingered into the new year and he was unavailable for much of Seattle's offseason program. Then, after playing just two games at the start of the season (Weeks 1 and 2), Rawls missed seven games with a fractured fibula. Rawls returned in Week 11, but his fantasy value was already damaged. His only performance as a top-24 RB came in Week 13, when he was more of a lineup fill-in type of player than anything else. In his nine games, Rawls averaged under 3 YPC five times, and was under 2 YPC in four of those five games. Then, down the stretch, he also suffered a concussion scare and a shoulder injury. Of course, he never looked healthier than he did during Seattle's Wild Card playoff game, when he absolutely torched the Lions for 27/161/1. Then, in true Rawls fashion, he was barely involved in the Seahawks' playoff loss to Atlanta, with 11/34 rushing. If it sounds like we're waffling on Rawls, it's because we are. It was such a strange season, with so many issues. Rawls was injured, the offensive line was terrible, **Russell Wilson** was banged up, and more.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Rawls has had flashes of brilliance, but the problem is they've just been *flashes*. Ultimately, he's been an inconsistent player when on the field, and in two NFL seasons he's played just 22 of a possible 32 games, so he's not even consistently available. The Seahawks signed **Eddie Lacy** and are hoping for a big leap from **C.J. Prosise**, so for now Rawls is a handcuff, though Lacy's health and weight issues could open the door for a more prominent role at some point.

65. JERICK MCKINNON (MIN, 25)

TALENT OVERVIEW: An athletic freak and former option QB who dominated the NFL Combine in 2014, McKinnon has some great speed and a ton of strength. He's a fluid runner and changes direction really well at high speed. That said, McKinnon does run a little too upright and doesn't show a great burst to the perimeter, despite his timed speed. He also needs work in pass protection because he never really had to pass block in college in the triple-option base, but he has the strength to improve in that department. He's a natural receiver and is a pure hands catcher, even though he wasn't asked to do it in college, showing great improvement in that area from his rookie season to his second NFL year. He shows some vision, but his game is speed, fluidity, and change of direction. He's an athlete who still needs work, but he could turn into an explosive player as a runner and receiver.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: McKinnon was once again thrust into a huge role with **Adrian Peterson** (knee) out of the lineup for most of the year for the second time in his first three seasons. And once again, McKinnon failed to impress in his extended audition as the top back. He did flash his speed and game-break ability at times, but he didn't exactly have an ideal situation to break out playing behind one of the worst O-lines in the league. He also admitted to playing banged up for most of the year, despite showing up on the injury report just three times with an ankle/foot injury. His best rushing day came in Week 17 with 89 yards, and QB **Sam Bradford** finally got him involved as a receiver late in the year. McKinnon has struggled as a pass blocker, but the Vikings figured out the best way to hide his deficiency was by throwing him the ball, averaging 5.2/35.3/33 receiving per game in Weeks 12-17. He finished the year with 159/539/2 rushing (3.4 YPC) and 43/255/2 receiving on 53 targets (81.1% catch rate, 5.9 YPR) in 15 games. McKinnon averaged 9.8 FPG, ranking 38th at the position behind **Charles Sims**. He played on 52% of the snaps, saw a 9.2% target share, and had 26.75% of the team's touches.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: It's hard to get a read on McKinnon's value, if he has any at all. On one hand, he finished very strong, especially as a receiver, in 2016. On the other hand, the Vikings traded up and spent significant draft capital on rookie **Dalvin Cook**, after signing vet **Latavius Murray** to a contract during the offseason. McKinnon has a lot of ability, but just not a huge window of opportunity here, and injuries continue to be a major problem for him. He's merely a guy to look at on the WW if there's an injury to either Cook or Murray.

66. ROB KELLEY (WAS, 24)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Kelley is a rare player in that he has almost no athletic measurable pedigree, and he was an unproductive college player as well. Nonetheless, he showed sheer determination and a good feel for Washington's running scheme. And unlike **Matt Jones**, he held onto the ball. Nonetheless, Kelley is a no-frills runner. While he's a little more laterally elusive than his measurables would indicate, he's mostly functional in the NFL on the basis of breaking tackles. He did very little as a receiver as a rookie, and he's an untested blocker because of how little he played on third downs. He's likely an NFL backup who stepped up in a big spot in 2016, but at the least Washington knows he can push the pile in short yardage.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: While **Ezekiel Elliott** went a long way to proving that sometimes, elite RBs require an elite cost, Kelley did his best to prove the opposite is true. Or, at least, that a serviceable option at the position is available for practically nothing. A UDFA out of Tulane, where he was neither productive nor athletically dominant, Kelley made his presence felt in training camp and eventually became Washington's starting RB in 2016. In 14 games of action, Kelley posted 168/704/6 rushing (4.2 YPC) and added 12/82/1 receiving on 19 targets (6.8 YPR, 63.2% catch rate) to rank tied for 41st at 9.5 FPG. But from Week 8 on, when Kelley truly took over for the disappointing **Matt Jones**, he actually averaged 12.8 FPG and ranked 19th at the position, so he was a solid RB2. From Week 8 on, he had five top-24 RB performances and one more as a top-36 option. That's not so bad for a guy who was readily available on the waiver wire, both in real life and in fantasy. A physical runner who almost never went down on first contact, Kelley had only one game of 100 or more yards from scrimmage, but he provided Washington with a heck of a sustaining element on the ground for a team that was typically built to throw the ball. On the year, Kelley played just 36.6% of Washington's offensive snaps, although that number rose to 52.5% from Week 8 on. "Fat Rob" fought through a knee injury late and impressed his coaches. **Jay Gruden** told reporters in early January that he's anticipating making Kelley the Washington feature back in 2017 (provided his knee, which may require a scope, checks out). That said, Kelley averaged barely over 3 YPC over the final six games of the season, and we know that so often these "deep finds" at the RB position are cast aside just as quickly for the next flavor of the week. He had a great rookie year, but it doesn't guarantee Kelley anything in 2017.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Kelley's performance last season was admirable, but the fact remains he's a subpar athlete who played almost entirely out of necessity. He started to really decline late in the year, and with Washington drafting a perfect fit in their backfield in **Samaje Perine**, we think Kelley will be a mere backup before long.

67. REX BURKHEAD (NE, 27)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Burkhead moves on to New England, where he hopes he'll get more of an opportunity to play on offense than he did with Cincinnati. Burkhead, in limited action, showed a good feel for zone and gap scheme running, and while he's not a "power" back like **LeGarrette Blount**, he runs very hard. Burkhead has some lateral juice as well, and he's a very good receiver. He doesn't have excellent long speed, but he has a powerful lower body and the ability to make defenders miss in the hole. He also is an accomplished special-teams player. At the very least, Burkhead can be a role player, but it appears the Pats are going to try to give him the chance to be more.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Burkhead has shown moments of brilliance at times since he broke into the league in 2013, but he's never really had the chance while playing behind **Giovani Bernard** and **Jeremy Hill**. Burkhead finally got to show what he could do after Bernard tore his ACL and landed on the IR. He was a slippery runner between the tackles and an effective receiver out of the backfield—the team has tinkered with him as a slot receiver in the past. He finished with 74/344/2 rushing (4.6 YPC) and 17/145/0 receiving on 20 targets (85% catch rate, 8.5 YPR) in 16 games. When he took over Bernard's spot in Week 12, he averaged 11.6 FPG (68/305/2 rushing, 15/121 receiving) and played 54.8% of the snaps. According to Cincinnati.com, Burkhead was one of just five RBs with 70+ rushing attempts and 15+ receptions who averaged at least 4.6 YPC and 8.5 YPR. The other four were **Ezekiel Elliott**, **Jordan Howard**, **Devonta Freeman**, and **Duke Johnson**. Burkhead averaged an impressive .33 fantasy points per snap—the league average for the position was .24. He also averaged .86 fantasy points per touch—the league average for the position was .70. Burkhead certainly isn't a lead runner type, but the final six games of the year allowed him to showcase his skills as a role player out of the backfield.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: This Patriot backfield is a potential nightmare, and Burkhead is extremely hard to project. He could be the Patriots' new **Brandon Bolden**, contributing mostly on special teams, but we also think he has the ability to be the top overall back here in terms of fantasy scoring. If you want to use a late pick on him to find out, we see no problem with that, but there's also a chance you'll want to drop him just a few weeks into the year. With an ADP of 160 (RB56), he's worth a shot very late.

68. JONATHAN WILLIAMS (BUF, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: We've barely seen Williams play football for two years (he had just 28 touches as a rookie after missing his entire 2015 college season), but the guy we saw on film in college in 2014 was borderline special. In all, Williams is "a grower" because he doesn't have standout athleticism, but the areas in which he succeeds are subtle. A decisive runner who gets downfield immediately when a hole presents itself, Williams looked like a strong fit for both zone and gap schemes on film. He has deceptive speed and wiggle for a big guy, and he uses his long arms effectively to fight his way through traffic. Williams always battles for extra yardage, and he rarely goes down on first contact. His efforts showed up on tape when he was asked to block, as he even effectively blocked defensive linemen 1-on-1 at times. That said, his competitiveness has led to fumbles—10 on just 406 college carries. That's a major issue, though Williams showcased solid hands in the passing game (however he wasn't asked to do it much, with just 26 receptions in college). In all, Williams has the vision, decisiveness, and balance to be a decent NFL back. He's good in short yardage and he's capable of creating yards for himself. He's a solid protector and a good receiver, which makes him capable of handling a three-down role at the next level. However, he's currently buried on a deep RB depth chart.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: We really liked Williams entering the draft, ranking him as our #3 RB pre-draft, but he landed in a tough spot to make an impact as a rookie behind **LeSean McCoy**. He didn't help his chances of winning the backup job by getting charged with driving while intoxicated in Arkansas before the start of training camp and could face NFL discipline next season. Williams also suffered a rib injury late in the preseason, which put him behind the eight ball, and then **Mike Gillislee** took full control of the backup role with his stellar play in 2016. Williams lost 2 fumbles on just 27 carries, but at least he didn't finish with negative rushing yardage like teammate **Reggie Bush** did, posting 27/94/1 rushing while playing 12% of the snaps in his 10 appearances.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Starter LeSean McCoy will be 29 in July with a lot of mileage, so with **Mike Gillislee** gone, our attention should turn the backup/

handcuff situation. The Bills could still bring someone in of note to compete for a spot, but they passed on the position in the draft, and it was a deep draft for RBs. Williams didn't play much as a rookie, but considering their depth at the position, it was kind of a surprise he played as much as he did (12% of the snaps in his 10 appearances). He didn't exactly stand out, and he did lose 2 fumbles, but Williams wasn't healthy in 2016. After missing his senior season with a foot injury, Williams' foot was still on the mend when he reported for rookie minicamp, so he wasn't healthy as a rookie. Williams claims to be 100% now, though, and he's had a good offseason. It's worth noting that our Greg Cosell really liked his college tape a lot at Arkansas before the foot injury, so Williams should be a pretty cheap—and potentially very valuable—handcuff.

69. ANDRE ELLINGTON (ARI, 28)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Ellington has done very little as a runner the last few years, which is why the Cardinals are saying they're essentially moving him to WR. Ellington is best in open space, where he's extremely shifty, though he occasionally can cut well in the hole to create his own yardage. He has great feet to absorb an initial hit and still keep his balance, and he's able to string moves together pretty well. Because of his elusiveness he's a constant home-run threat, despite not having elite timed speed for his size. As expected, he's also been utilized much more as a receiver in the NFL than he was in college at Clemson, and he's done a great job in that area even splitting out wide. We doubt he'll make a fantasy relevant impact, unfortunately.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Ellington was useless for fantasy in 2016, even after **Chris Johnson** went down for the year. In 16 games, Ellington posted 34/96 rushing and 12/85 receiving on 17 targets. In all, he played just 13% of the offensive snaps for the club.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We thought Ellington would move on and find a larger role elsewhere, but he re-signed with the Cards on a one-year deal. Upon the announcement of the signing, it was reported that the Cardinals plan to use Ellington at WR on occasion. That makes sense based on the fact that HC **Bruce Arians** told us Ellington runs routes better than most of their WRs. But he told us that three years ago, so it's curious why he's been used so little the last two years. Granted, **David Johnson** commands a huge workload, but even though Ellington is still in his prime at 28 with minimal usage over the last two seasons, he's probably not worth a draft pick in all but the deepest of leagues.

70. JOE WILLIAMS (SF, 24)

TALENT OVERVIEW: On film, Williams showed a good body for running inside as a player who can make defenders miss *and* run them over. The problem was Williams knows he's a better athlete than most defenders, and he would occasionally look to bounce runs and not process what he was seeing clearly. He fumbled way too often, and he was a complete zero as both a receiver and blocker, which really limits him at the next level. The positives? His ridiculous athleticism. Williams has legitimate NFL speed, and at the very least you would think he could make it as a rotational player and return man. But the Niners have to deduce how committed he is to the game, considering he's admitted he lost his love for it under a year ago before returning to Utah's program. His lack of third-down skills and questionable vision don't help matters, either.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Our assumption is 49er coach **Kyle Shanahan** sees a lot of **Tevin Coleman** in Williams, though Williams was just awful as a receiver in college. The 49er backfield is crowded as we stand now with **Carlos Hyde**, **Tim Hightower**, and **Kyle Juszczyk** among others, so Williams would have to make an impact in camp to earn a role. But there's plenty of evidence here that the 49ers aren't in love with Hyde, so expect the talented Williams to get a chance. He's a very interesting late flyer, mostly because of that explosive athletic profile, but keep in mind he's an old rookie (24 in September).

71. JAMAAL WILLIAMS (GB, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: A straight-line banger who didn't break as many tackles as we'd like, Williams also didn't exhibit the vision we want to see in a zone scheme back. He's tall and runs high, so he presents a big frame for defenders to take on, though we would certainly say Williams played with adequate toughness. What we saw was a pure short-yardage gap-scheme grinder, which really limited his potential landing spots in the NFL. Additionally, he missed action in each of the last two years with knee and ankle injuries, and he served a suspension as a junior as well. However, Williams exhibited solid ball security, good blocking form, and the ability to catch the ball, which makes him an intriguing fit with the Packers. In ways, he's a **Latavius Murray** type, but without Murray's insane open-field burst. Williams' Combine tests showed just about zero lateral agility, and the tape backs that up.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Williams' ranking could change very quickly, as the Packers drafted two other backs in **Aaron Jones** and **Devante Mays**. Since Williams was the top choice of those three, ostensibly he's the guy the Packers like best, and he does provide the biggest contrast from WR-turned-RB **Ty Montgomery** in the backfield. Because he's a short-yardage specialist who can block, he'll also fit what the Packers do. We just don't think he's a particularly special runner, and both backs taken after him may have more natural ability. It's going to take well into the season for Williams' role to shake out, and training camp will be incredibly important for his ADP. If he *does* win the #2 job, we could see 6-8 rushing TDs, however.

72. JEREMY MCNICHOLS (TB, 21)

TALENT OVERVIEW: A former high-school WR, McNichols took to RB well, and likely interested the Bucs, who were looking for an explosive rotational type of back. At the Combine, McNichols ran a strong 40 (4.49), posted good lower-body explosion jumps (35.5" vertical, 121" broad jump), and ran a strong three-cone drill (6.93 seconds). He also has huge hands (10") and solid arm length (31.5"), suggesting he should be able to fit the role as a receiver at the next level. As a former WR, he has an understanding of the route tree, and was often used separated from the formation to run vertical routes, both in the slot and out wide. He also exhibited good balance, an area where his box-like stature helps him, and showed a willingness to block effectively. On the downside, McNichols looked to bounce way too many runs outside, and had some serious ball-security problems the last two seasons as a starter. He also exhibited very little lateral agility, which is something you'd prefer a back of his size to possess.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Buc backfield is crowded on first glance, but is it *really*? **Doug Martin** had a disastrous 2016 and is suspended for the first three games of the 2017 season. **Charles Sims** has been injured for much of his NFL career and was ineffective last season. **Jacquizz Rodgers** had an impressive 2016 and earned a new contract, but is he a one-year wonder? Then there's early-down grinder **Peyton Barber**. Of course, McNichols has to get *himself* healthy after offseason shoulder surgery, as it's apparently one reason he fell to the 5th round. We could see a wide range of outcomes for him as a rookie, including leading this backfield in fantasy points, as well as barely playing.

73. D'ONTA FOREMAN (HOU, 21)

TALENT OVERVIEW: The Houston offensive line opened massive holes for Foreman, and we rarely saw him against heavy boxes like the ones **Leonard Fournette** and even **Christian McCaffrey** consistently saw this past year. In many ways, we didn't think Foreman used his size well, and he exhibited just about no wiggle in the open field. Of course, we went back and watched

Foreman again after reports of a blazing 4.45-second 40-yard dash at his late March pro day. No doubt, Foreman's timed speed is impressive, but we still didn't feel as if he was that great on film. He didn't run as tough as a guy like **Samaje Perine**, nor did he have *any* other areas of his game that impressed us. He was horrendous in pass protection, didn't do anything as a receiver, and lost 6 fumbles (to be fair, he did have a hand injury). So really, we saw a back who did one thing pretty damn well ... run in a straight line (and in short yardage).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We aren't huge fans of Foreman, but we actually really like the spot for him. Over the past three seasons, the Texans have given backup RB **Alfred Blue** 452 carries, to the tune of 3.6 YPC. And though starter **Lamar Miller** had an overall solid 2016 campaign, there was just something missing on his tape, and he doesn't feel like a true "lead" back who gets better as the game wears on. We expect to see the Texans run the ball quite a bit to support rookie QB **Deshaun Watson**, and 8-10 carries per game for Foreman behind Miller is not out of the question. At the very least, he's instantly the best back behind Miller, and will be a priority handcuff in redraft leagues.

74. LANCE DUNBAR (LAR, 27)

TALENT OVERVIEW: A small, elusive ball carrier with the ability to create his own yardage, Dunbar runs low to the ground, waits for blocks to develop, and slips through cutback lanes. If healthy, Dunbar projects to be a solid-to-great receiver out of the backfield, and he's capable of making defenders miss in the open field. He's not particularly physical and won't break many tackles, but he has enough dynamic skills to stick in the NFL as a situational player.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Rams lost **Benny Cunningham** in the offseason and didn't draft a RB, so Dunbar is certainly capable of having a role here behind **Todd Gurley**. That may coincide with some PPR value down the road, but he's not someone worth drafting based on a speculative role. Remember, he has to impress more than **Malcolm Brown** to even be the primary passing-down back.

75. AARON JONES (GB, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: He may not have been one of the bigger names in this class, but Jones put himself on the radar when he posted excellent scores at the NFL Combine, especially in the area of lower-body. On film, Jones is a low-to-the-ground runner who seems to slip his way through thin cracks. Respected NFL analyst **Greg Cosell** has said that *stylistically* he's a similar runner to **Frank Gore**, which is of course not to say Jones is destined for Canton, but rather that he's a good interior runner despite his frame. He shows solid open-field wiggle and soft hands, so in theory he could play on all three downs. He's an underrated back who could find quite a bit of success at the next level.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Jones was selected after **Jamaal Williams** (4th-round pick), but upon taking a closer look at his film, we actually prefer Jones' skill set. There's a lot of production left up for grabs in this Green Bay backfield, as the Packers are missing 207 vacated touches from last year's mishmash RB corps. **Ty Montgomery** may still be the "lead" back, but he'll never be a between-the-tackles banger, and while Williams' size may be better for that role, Jones showed a **Frank Gore**-ish ability to slip tacklers at the point of attack.

76. MARLON MACK (IND, 21)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Mack was undoubtedly one of the most maddening backs we can remember watching on college film. His lower-body explosiveness is apparent on film, and he confirmed that at the Combine with strong scores in the 40 (4.50 seconds), vertical jump (35.5"), and broad jump (125"). But we came away viewing Mack as a pure athlete who had absolutely no feel for his position whatsoever. Mack would bounce almost *everything*. When he gets into the open field, he can run away from defenders, but he has to be schemed there. Mack showed ability as a receiver separated from the formation, but he also lacked quality pass-protection skills, which could limit his ability to get on the field early in his NFL career. Pre-draft he was a completely landing-spot dependent player, and though he found a good one, he really has to clean up as a blocker to have a significant role for the Colts.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We like this fit better than most other teams for Mack, because we simply did not see a lead back on film. He's one of the single-worst interior runners we've ever charted, but the Colts have two good ones in **Frank Gore** and **Robert Turbin**. The Colts would be best served deploying Mack as a perimeter player, perhaps even scheming him into the slot or into motion to exploit matchups against linebackers. However, his third-down fit is curious, because both Gore and Turbin are good protectors, and we didn't see that from Mack on film. Gore is now 34, and Turbin isn't special, so it's possible there's a bit of a window for Mack to have some relevance in Indy, especially with **Andrew Luck** at QB. But he needs a lot of refinement if he's ever going to handle more than 5-7 touches per game.

77. BRANDEN OLIVER (LAC, 26)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Will Oliver be able to recover from an Achilles tear, one of the nastiest injuries a running back can suffer? A short but stout runner, Oliver fits the "bowling ball" profile that's common for a player of his size. Because of his frame, he runs with natural balance and power, low to the ground and hard to bring down. Oliver can shake some defenders in the short area, as well. What he doesn't have is great speed or explosion, and though he can bounce off of tackles, his stature makes him more of a tough runner than a truly strong one. Nonetheless, Oliver anchors in pass protection and can also catch the ball, so he has a future as a third-down back, at least. Explosiveness is not his game, but the concern is that his already limited burst is just totally sapped by the injury.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Chargers didn't add a running back during the 2017 NFL Draft, and their "major" free agent acquisition at the position was **Kenjon Barner**, so Oliver is clearly going to have a shot to replace **Danny Woodhead**. While we don't anticipate a role anywhere nearly as big as Woodhead's, Oliver could at least be the top handcuff for **Melvin Gordon**, assuming he beats out Barner and **Kenneth Farrow**. Watch his health closely this summer.

78. WAYNE GALLMAN (NYG, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: We bet several NFL coaches—including the Giants' coaches—absolutely fell in love with Gallman's game, and he will play early and often in the league. Gallman doesn't have sudden athleticism, but he rarely goes down on first contact. He's capable as a receiver, and he absolutely *never* gives up on a play—no back in this class is more willing to extend plays as a blocker than Gallman. He doesn't have the contact balance of a **Kareem Hunt**, but Gallman will fall forward with his tall frame, which allows him to pick up crucial inches in short-yardage situations. He fits the model of an NFL gap-scheme back who can excel in third-down situations immediately. He's just a nasty, competitive football player, and at this position, that goes a long way. In many ways, Gallman was the easiest RB in this class for us to scout. What he's good at shows up immediately.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We have always viewed Gallman as a rotational type of back above all, and if the Giants want any sort of physicality from their backfield, they're going to have to get it from Gallman. Following the NFL Draft, Giant coach **Ben McAdoo** called **Paul Perkins** the club's starting RB, but Perkins just isn't the type of back who's going to move a pile. Gallman's skills fit the Giants best in third downs and in short yardage, where he can block, catch, and convert short-yardage opportunities. The best news for

Gallman is the team's interest in signing LeGarrette Blount, which indicates they're not totally comfortable with Perkins and Shane Vereen as their top-two backs. There could easily be a decent role here for the competitive and solid Gallman.

79. JEREMY LANGFORD (CHI, 25)

TALENT OVERVIEW: A former WR and CB, Langford is clearly an exceptional athlete. His 4.42 40-yard dash was the fastest at his position at the Combine in 2015, although his agility drills were more middle-of-the-pack. However, in the NFL, Langford has struggled to match his strong measurables and promising college tape. He has some natural downhill speed and a second gear, but he doesn't have a particularly wide arsenal of moves. He prefers to run away from defenders rather than make them miss, so he's more of a straight-line player without a ton of functional strength. Because of that, he tends to bounce runs to the perimeter rather than moving the pile. Langford is an upright runner with choppy steps, and he's still learning the RB position, but his lack of power is a big concern for his ability to be a true three-down back in the NFL. Given his experience as a WR, however, we've been disappointed by how generally ineffective Langford has been as a receiver in the NFL. If he can't become a very good receiver, there isn't going to be much of a role for him in the NFL given his lack of functional strength as a runner.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Langford has been given a ton of opportunities to seize at least a third-down role, but hasn't impressed in any way. The Bears spent a 4th-round pick on scatback **Tarik Cohen**, and Langford will have an uphill climb to even beat him out for the top role behind **Jordan Howard** in training camp.

80. JACQUIZZ RODGERS (TB, 27)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Before last year, Rodgers' three-down skill set, in theory, never really lined up with his fantasy production, but he got an opportunity to be the Bucs' lead back because of injuries, and he seized it. He's very short, but he's decisive and has some vertical explosiveness. While his lack of big plays is concerning for the type of player he is, he finally averaged 4 YPC for the first time in his career in 2016. Ultimately, Rodgers has a powerful lower body and is more than adequate as a receiver, plus he's an outstanding pass protector, which will get him on the field.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Bucs have, on paper, one of the deepest backfields in the NFL, especially once adding **Jeremy McNichols** through the draft. But every one of these backs has question marks, especially **Doug Martin** (suspension/conditioning). Rodgers was Tampa's best back last year, and it's hard to ignore the fact that he'll be basically free in drafts. In deeper leagues, he's an interesting add to the back of your bench in the off chance he repeats last year's success, at least in the first three games of the season while Martin is out.

81. CHRIS IVORY (JAC, 29)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Talk about a no-frills player. Ivory is violent, and he has a career because of it. He's consistently improved as a receiver in his NFL career, with his most production in that department coming the last two years. Though he doesn't have a ton of wiggle, he runs downhill with force and invites contact, so he's had some longer runs as well. But that style doesn't mesh well with injury woes (which Ivory has had), and if Ivory is going to put the ball on the ground, as he has done 18 times in his seven-year career, he won't be able to stay on the field. Ivory is someone who has proven he can make an impact with a big role, but he needs to score TDs for fantasy value, and fumbling a ridiculous six times on 137 touches last year is embarrassing.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Jaguars didn't draft **Leonard Fournette** to give Ivory 150 carries. It's as simple as that. Barring injury, we expect Ivory won't have much fantasy relevance at all, but even if he *does* get on the field, he's going to have to clean up his fumbles or he'll be right back on the bench.

82. DARREN MCFADDEN (DAL, 30)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Injuries have always been a major problem for McFadden, and the injuries have sapped him of some of his positive traits. At his best, McFadden is a violent, downhill, contact-inviting runner. But that kind of style can only absorb so many hits. McFadden isn't a one-cut runner; he's a no-cut runner. He just gets the ball and goes, and he builds up top speed very quickly. While McFadden runs with velocity when he gets going, he's still a power back and needs to be treated as such. His skills as a receiver are solid and make him a versatile option out of the backfield, but in his best year in Dallas in 2015, he was more of a volume-dependent grinder than anything else. That's what he is now, in addition to being able to catch some passes here and there.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Cowboys' offense runs through **Ezekiel Elliott**, but following the departure of **Lance Dunbar**, there's still some rotational and backup work available here. Everything the Cowboys did last year suggests they prefer McFadden to **Alfred Morris**, so for now, he's our preferred option for those who want to handcuff their Elliott investment (and remember, Elliott is still under investigation by the NFL for an alleged domestic violence incident).

83. JAMES CONNER (PIT, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Conner doesn't have elite athleticism, but he's a back who uses his size very well and will make his coaches absolutely fall in love with him. On the field, Conner has outstanding vision for running inside. He's big, strong, and rarely will go down on first contact. Conner's work in short yardage and high character helped his draft status. However, for a guy his size he isn't a particularly good blocker, and he's not necessarily a very good receiver either. Those are two things he must improve if he wants to be anything more than a role player at the next level. But one thing for sure is that Conner is going to work like crazy to get better.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: With **DeAngelo Williams** still a free agent, it appears for now that Conner is the top backup for **Le'Veon Bell**. While Bell typically plays upwards of 90% of the Steelers' offensive snaps, rendering his backup pretty much useless, he also gets hurt a bunch, and is a suspension risk. In theory, that makes hometown boy Conner an extremely valuable handcuff. However, we would have really liked to see Conner catch the ball better, and we doubt he'll be a slam-dunk RB1 like DeAngelo has been these last few years if Bell is ever out.

84. DEVONTAE BOOKER (DEN, 25)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Unfortunately, Booker's struggles as a rookie in 2016 were not a surprise to us given his college tape. A very productive player in college, Booker also showed the ability to make defenders miss in the backfield and in the open field. Although he's not a particularly powerful guy, he does lower his shoulder and run hard. But, he does have several major issues. He has small hands, at 8 5/8", and he fumbled a whopping 9 times on his 640 touches at Utah. That carried into his rookie season, when he fumbled 4 times on 205 touches. He tends to default to carrying the ball in his left hand, even when it should be in his right, and NFL defenders can exploit that. Booker also stutters his feet when he hits the line, missing some holes, which makes him feel like more of a gap scheme guy than a zone runner. However, he also didn't have great explosive traits on film, so some coaches may worry about Booker's ability to hit the hole with the velocity needed for power running, especially in short yardage. And while Booker has some shiftiness and very good balance with the ability to use jump cuts, he's had to gear down when changing direction. He really needs to improve his performance at the point of attack, and he could perhaps seek advice from rival **Melvin Gordon** on doing that from his rookie season to his second year.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Booker struggled immensely as a rookie, and now he needs to earn trust back. That's not to say it's impossible (see: **Jay Ajayi**, **Melvin Gordon**), but for now, he's buried behind **C.J. Anderson** and **Jamaal Charles**. He needs an injury or unexpected circumstance to become fantasy relevant.

85. CHARCANDRICK WEST (KC, 26)

TALENT OVERVIEW: West is an explosive back with exceptional vertical speed. While he doesn't have the sudden lateral agility you may like to see in a back his size (5'10", 205 lbs.), he exhibits traditional "one-cut" traits, showing the ability to cut back to find running lanes and accelerating to top speed quickly. West also showed the ability to make plays in the passing game, though his production dipped in that area after a quick start when he burst onto the scene in 2015. In ways, he's pretty much the exact opposite of teammate **Spencer Ware**, which makes them an intriguing tandem.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: West has been pretty unimpressive since his mini breakout midway through the 2015 season, and now he has an uphill climb to fantasy relevance, as he's behind both **Spencer Ware** and one of our favorite rookie RBs, **Kareem Hunt**. West needs at least one injury to make an impact, and maybe Hunt falling on his face on top of that. He'll likely be a waiver-wire only guy and isn't worth drafting.

86. DONNEL PUMPHREY (PHI, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: There's one small problem with Division I FBS' all-time leading rusher ... Pumphrey. At just 5'8" and 176 lbs., Pumphrey is beyond tiny for NFL standards. Make no mistake, he's still tough as nails, and he'd have to be to handle 1158 touches in college. He just doesn't have the lower-body thickness to bust through tackles on a consistent basis. Fortunately, Pumphrey is quick in and out of cuts, so he has enough lateral elusiveness to make it work in a rotational role. Pumphrey was productive as a receiver at SDSU, catching 99 passes, and he's shown a good feel for route running, though he doesn't have natural hands. That, unfortunately, has to be contrasted with his size, and how realistically he can handle pass protection in the NFL. Moreover, Pumphrey has minimal experience as a return man, with just 5 kickoff returns to his name in college.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Pumphrey was one of our favorite players to watch on film in this entire class, but because of his size, we were actually surprised he was drafted as early as he was. But the Eagles *traded up* to get him, suggesting they knew he was a highly coveted player (reports were that division rival Dallas was about to select him). It's easy to say Pumphrey is a built-in **Darren Sproles** replacement for 2018, but keep in mind that Sproles has a much more powerful lower body. Instead, we'd expect the Eagles to utilize Pumphrey more as a movable chess piece, who also has the toughness and vision to carry it inside a few times per game. You don't spend a 4th-round pick on a running back if you don't have a plan for him, but as we stand now, it's hard to envision a big enough role for fantasy production.

87. TYLER ERVIN (HOU, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Ervin is explosively fast, and it shows on tape. He ran a 4.41 40 and produced a ridiculous 39" vertical and 130" broad jump at the Combine in Indianapolis. There is *power* in his legs, and he shows it. The problem is that Ervin is tiny, at 5'10" and 192 lbs., and it's hard to make up for that frame in the NFL, no matter the mentality. But regardless, Ervin is *tough*. And despite his frame, he was a decisive, determined downhill runner. An experienced kickoff returner, Ervin runs like he's returning kickoffs, finding a hole and hitting it with instant velocity. He'll lower his shoulder into defenders and fight for extra yards. In the open field, he can both make defenders miss and simply run by them. San Jose State coaches utilized Ervin's versatility, moving him all around the formation. He's a natural receiver who can easily transition to running, and he can absolutely smoke LBs and safeties on routes. Of course, this is all idealistic—he contributed as a returner as a rookie, but had just 3 touches on offense.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: With the addition of **D'Onta Foreman** to the Texan backfield, Ervin is now at best #3 on the depth chart following a disappointing rookie season. However, we still like Ervin's talent set as a rotational player, and if he plays more, we wouldn't be shocked to see him make a few extra plays. But will it be enough to make him fantasy relevant? That's a long shot at this point, and it's not worth a draft pick.

88. T.J. LOGAN (ARI, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Logan is a specific type of player, but he certainly was an appealing one for a team like Arizona who was looking for that type of player. Logan was a rotational back at UNC who split time with the more ballyhooed **Elijah Hood**, and when all is said and done, Logan may be the better NFL prospect given his rare explosion and versatility. In addition to his RB duties, Logan was an accomplished return man at Chapel Hill, tallying 5 kickoff return TDs in four seasons (he has no punt-return experience). All in all, Logan has the versatility and explosive speed to earn himself a roster spot as a rotational back, but he has to clean up his ball security, as he fumbled too often at UNC.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: If the Cardinals are serious about moving **Andre Ellington** to WR, then Logan is their new Ellington behind star **David Johnson**. However, that's not a particularly appealing role for fantasy, as Ellington touched the ball just 46 times and played 13% of the Cardinals' offensive snaps in 2016, despite playing in every game. We like Logan the player, but we'd be stunned if he plays much at all, barring an injury to Johnson.

89. ELIJAH MCGUIRE (NYJ, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Looking at McGuire's film, we see a player who can fit a rotational role in the NFL. McGuire has quality, timed speed and a quick burst to get him up-to-speed. He's built solidly, but didn't often run through contact, which gives us some major pause about his ability to be more than a rotational player. On a positive note, McGuire takes care of the ball well, and shows a phenomenal feel for running routes when separated from the formation. One of the big issues for McGuire as he transitions to the NFL will be his measured agility—he posted poor scores across the board in the shuttles and three-cone drill.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Based on style of play, we see McGuire being deployed as a **Bilal Powell** type of player in the NFL, so it's interesting that he landed with the Jets. As of now, he's buried behind Powell and **Matt Forte** on the depth chart, but given how awful the Jets are likely to be, we wouldn't be shocked if they decide to go with a youth movement late in the year.

90. RYAN MATHEWS (PHI, 29)

TALENT OVERVIEW: At his best, Mathews can get to the edge and use his natural downfield speed and power to overwhelm defenders. He can get skinny in the hole and, when fresh, will consistently break tackles at the point of attack. He struggles in pass pro, which limits his third-down reps even though he's a solid receiver, but he's the type of back that can excel in a rotational role against a tired defense. He's a sudden athlete with a real economy of movement, but he struggles to stay on the field and to hold onto the ball, which are both major issues. His latest injury—a neck injury suffered late in the 2016 season—may well be his most serious yet.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: As of publication, Mathews has not been released, but the Eagles are going to cut him to save money following the signing of **LeGarrette Blount**. There's no guarantee Mathews is healthy enough to play again, and his days of fantasy relevance are likely over.

WIDE RECEIVERS

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1. ANTONIO BROWN (PIT, 29)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Business was Booming for Brown owners who took him with the #1 overall fantasy pick last summer. AB actually had his worst fantasy season since 2013, but it was still the best performance at the position in 2016. He averaged 20.5 FPG, a full 1.3 FPG ahead of **Jordy Nelson** for the top spot. Brown had his famous 5/50 receiving streak snapped last season after 35 games, and he didn't attain that level of consistency this year, falling under 5 catches four times and under 50 yards twice. He also fell below 10 FPs in three games, but he still had quite a few monster performances, hitting 20+ FPs seven times. He finished the year with 106/1284/12 receiving on 154 targets (68.8% catch rate, 12.1 YPR) in 15 games, sitting out Week 17 with the Steelers locked into the #3 seed. He played 96% of the snaps, saw 26.0% target share, and had 14.06% of the team's touches. Brown averaged an impressive 2.05 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.93.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Steelers transitioned from a pass-heavy team in the first half of the year to a Bell-centric squad in the second half of 2016. With the Steelers leaning heavily on Bell, **Ben Roethlisberger** didn't attempt 37+ passes in his final six regular season games (Weeks 11-16), after doing it in six of his first eight games (between Weeks 1-10). The change in philosophy did hurt Brown some, with all four of his 100-yard games coming in Weeks 1-10, but AB still averaged a healthy 18.7 FPG (4th) in Weeks 11-16. That looks to be Brown's downside at this point as long as Big Ben is in one piece. While it's scary to think about Brown without his starting QB, the same can be said about other studs at this position like **Julio Jones** and **Odell Beckham**. Brown's ADP is down to "only" 4 this year, but we'd maintain that he's still the safest overall player on the board.

2. JULIO JONES (ATL, 28)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Over the past three years, Julio's yards gained per route average has increased every single year. Jones gained 2.72 yards/route in 2014, 3.04 in 2015, and his 3.12 yards/route last season is the best rate among all receivers dating back to 2010. Jones has averaged over 100 receiving yards per day for four-straight seasons and has at least 5.9 receptions per contest during that stretch. Julio's ceiling is immeasurable.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: At this point, we know exactly what to expect from Julio every single year. Even though he's put together just two 16-game seasons in six career years, he has finished as the WR7, WR12, WR2, WR5, WR2, and WR6 in PPR formats since entering the league, so it almost entirely comes down to availability for Julio. Of course, there's some concern about the loss of OC **Kyle Shanahan**, but Jones has finished as high as WR2 without Shanahan, so it's not a huge worry. Julio may start slowing down relatively soon, but he's still in his prime at 28 years old and he remains a safe and productive pick in the 5-7 overall range.

3. ODELL BECKHAM (NYG, 24)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Beckham was a consensus top-3 fantasy pick prior to the 2016 season, and overall, his bottom line doesn't look bad—101/1367/10 receiving on 169 targets (13.5 YPR, 59.8% catch rate). At 18.7 FPG, he finished 5th among all WRs, and was 4th among WRs who played 10 or more games. But it's safe to say that his 2016 wasn't as good as many expected. First of all, OBJ didn't even turn in a top-12 finish until Week 6 (to be fair, he was #1 that week). In all, he had eight top-12 weeks on the season (mostly late), which is very good, but still below what you've come to expect of him. And only once—his QB1 in Week 6—did he finish as a top-5 WR. So he accumulated a ton of fantasy points, but wasn't the truly dominant option he was in years past. So, what went "wrong?" (understanding, of course, that "wrong" is relative here). First of all, and the Occam's razor explanation, is that **Eli Manning** and the offensive line were not good. Second of all, OBJ had his own problem with

drops during the season, never more apparent than in the Giants' blowout playoff loss to the Packers. We'll assign most of the blame to an offense that was out of sync all year. Believe it or not, OBJ's catches per game, yards per game, yards per catch, and TD totals were all career lows, despite setting a career-high in games played and total targets. His FPG has declined from 24.8 as a rookie, to 21.3 in 2015, to 18.7 in 2016. Again, we're nitpicking one of the best three-year starts to a career ever, but it's fair to feel like Beckham didn't provide the expected return-on-investment for a top-3 pick.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Beckham may not be a slam-dunk top-7 pick on the heels of a shaky 2016, but he deserves to be rated that high regardless. He wasn't as efficient last year, but he did log his first 16-game season, which was a positive. There are some concerns about Manning's level of play last year, but the bigger issue is his pending drop in targets with **Brandon Marshall** in town. Marshall could wind up being a serious TD vulture here, but his presence should help the offense overall, and even Beckham. Marshall should take some pressure off OBJ, as should #1 pick **Evan Engram**, so the hope is that Beckham can become more efficient and improve his catch rate and YPR, two numbers that were down last year (59.8% and 13.5, respectively). At the end of the day, he's still a transcendent talent with three excellent seasons under his belt, and he's just 24 years old (25 in November). He's still a top-6 pick (early ADP of 6).

4. MIKE EVANS (TB, 24)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: After getting unlucky in the touchdown department in 2015—he scored only 3 TDs on 148 targets—Evans smashed any concerns over his standing as a top-15 option. Evans posted a WR3 finish (FPG) in 2016 after posting WR26 in 2015 and debuting with a WR11 finish in 2014. Evans' 0.581 fantasy points per route in 2016 was 6th-best among all receivers as Evans led all wideouts in target share (30%) and was second in target rate per route run (29%). There's no denying that Evans is every bit of the "alpha" receiver Tampa drafted him to be. Not including Week 17, Evans finished as a top-15 receiver a robust nine times in 2016. What's more, Evans scored 20+ PPR points seven times this past season while the perennial "WR1" in PPR, **Antonio Brown**, hit the 20-plus point milestone eight times.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Once we saw Evans' improved hands on display in preseason action last summer, we pushed him hard as a 2nd-round fantasy pick and he came through big time. His catch rate improved from only 50% to 55.5%, so he really benefited from the massive volume he received (league-best 170 targets, up 1 full target per game). The lone question is how productive will he be this year, since his targets are sure to drop in 2017. It's a legit question with **DeSean Jackson** and #1 pick **OJ Howard** added to the fray and surely commanding plenty of looks. But the Buc offense overall will be much harder to defend, and that has to help Evans, who has two 12-TD seasons in his three years. Even with fewer targets likely, we'd take him in the top-7 and we'll sleep like a baby.

5. JORDY NELSON (GB, 32)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Nelson understandably had a slow start to the season coming off a major knee injury and not playing in the preseason. He did have 5 TD catches in his first four games but it really took until Week 8 for him to get back to his old, explosive form. Nelson was the top fantasy WR from Week 8 on, averaging 21.8 FPG on 70/936/9 receiving. He was on a real roll before a rib injury in the Wild Card Round slowed him in the postseason, although he did score a TD playing well below 100% in the NFC Championship. Jordy led all WRs in red-zone targets (36) and TD catches (14). He didn't miss a beat with **Aaron Rodgers** down by the goal line, and he still knew how to use size to shield away defenders in the end zone. Nelson and Rodgers combined for 15 TDs in their 18 games together, with an average distance of 9.9 yards, according to the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. He finished the year with 97/1257/14 receiving on 152 targets (63.8% catch rate, 13.0 YPR) in 16 games. Jordy averaged 19.2 FPG, ranking 2nd at the position behind only **Antonio Brown**. He played on 93% of the snaps, saw a 24.7% target share, and had 13.96% of the team's touches. Nelson averaged an impressive 2.02 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.93. The only real gripe about Nelson's season was that he didn't create after the catch like we've seen in the past, averaging just 13.0 YPR in 2016. He's never averaged below 15.2 YPR since he broke out in 2011 and his average from 2011-14 was 16.1 YPR.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Jordy's days of averaging 15 YPR in a season are probably over, but does it even matter? It didn't last year. Jordy was down to only 13.0 YPR, but he was still a fantasy stud with a career high in targets (152) and a 14-TD season. There should probably be some concern about his advancing age, but those concerns are offset by his incredible chemistry with **Aaron Rodgers**, whose trust in Nelson is unparalleled. We'd be a little skittish with using a #1 pick on him, but with an early ADP of 12, he's a player you can team with another stud to open your draft, and we can't argue much with that plan.

6. A.J. GREEN (CIN, 29)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Green simply dominated when he was on the field in 2016, which we expected with **Marvin Jones** and **Mohamed Sanu** moving to new teams in the offseason and with **Tyler Eifert** missing the first six weeks of the season. Unfortunately, a severe hamstring injury in Week 11 prematurely ended his season. It looked like he might return for Weeks 16-17, but the Bengals pulled the ripcord and didn't let him play in two meaningless games with the team out of playoff contention. Here are a couple stats from Cincinnati.com on Green's sensational start to the season. Green became the 12th receiver since the turn of the century to compile 960+ yards in the first nine games of a season. Only **Julio Jones** ranked ahead of him in receiving yards through the first nine games. And Green was also on pace to shatter the Bengals record for receiving yards in a season held by **Chad Johnson** (1,440). Green finished with 66/964/4 receiving on 100 targets (66.0% catch rate, 14.6 YPR) in 10 games. Green averaged 18.6 FPG, ranking just behind the likes of **Odell Beckham** and **Mike Evans**. He actually left at the very beginning of Week 11 with his hamstring injury, so he averaged 20.7 FPG in his nine full games, which would've been the best average at the position for the season. He played on 81% of the snaps when healthy and had a 18.4% target share despite missing the final seven weeks of the season. Green had an amazing four performances of 8+ catches and 120+ yards in nine tries.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Bengals needed another playmaker to pair with Green, with TE **Tyler Eifert** seemingly always hurt and their other receivers being just solid complementary pieces. Their 1st-round pick **John Ross** is obviously best known for his speed, but he's more than just a deep threat. Only 7% of the team's targets from last year are off the roster, so with Ross added, Green's targets will likely drop from last year's very strong 10 targets/game. Green was targeted only 8.25 times a game in 2015, yet he still posted a strong 86/1297/10, which is definitely acceptable for a top-10 fantasy pick. The presence of Ross should help draw attention away from this stud. Green's ADP was inside the top-10 (9), and he's still very deserving of such a high selection.

7. T.Y. HILTON (IND, 27)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Another year down and another fantastic season for Hilton with **Andrew Luck** is in the books. After Luck missed almost half of the 2015 season due to injury, Hilton re-emerged as a strong low-end WR1 in 2016. In two full years with Luck in 2016 and 2014,

Hilton has finished as the WR8 and WR11. Hilton averaged 91 and 90 receiving yards/game in those two seasons and caught well over 5 balls per game in each year. **Donte Moncrief**'s various injuries in 2016 only added to Hilton's yardage and touchdown ceiling. When Moncrief was out of the lineup (seven total games), Hilton averaged 19.84 FPG versus 14.8 FPG with Moncrief. When Moncrief missed time, Hilton essentially zipped up from a low-end WR1 to nearly the fantasy WR1 on a weekly basis. Still only 27-years-old, Hilton is entering his prime-age production in 2017.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: As long as **Andrew Luck** stays upright and healthy, Hilton should continue to post WR1 (top-12) seasons well into the next few seasons. While **Donte Moncrief**'s role as a red-zone threat ultimately crashes some of Hilton's overall touchdown ceiling, Hilton is among an elite core of receivers to average more than 89.5 yards/game in the past seven years. Since 2010, there have been only 29 occurrences where a wideout has averaged over 89.5 YPG in a single-season. Hilton is one of just seven receivers to hit the 90-yard milestone more than once in that span. He's just a tier below the true stallions at the position, but Hilton is money in the bank and an excellent #2 pick. In fact, we took him in the first round in an early expert draft and felt good about it.

8. DEANDRE HOPKINS (HOU, 25)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Largely one of the biggest first round busts of the year, Hopkins regressed significantly with bad B.O. under center. After exploding for 111/1,521/11 in 2015 with a mish-mosh of ugly quarterback options, Hopkins faltered to 78/954/4 in 2016. Hopkins averaged just 59.6 yards/game in 2016, after eclipsing 75.6 and 95 YPG in his two prior seasons. Hopkins' average depth of target downfield was down well past career data points, too. His average target downfield was just 12.4 yards in 2016, a full yard fewer than his previous career-low (13.4 in 2014). After two excellent WR18 and WR5 showings (FPG) in 2014 and 2015, Hopkins' WR35 finish was a major disappointment. Obviously **Brock Osweiler**'s unbelievably poor play had a major hand in Hopkins' fall from elite grace. Among the 30 receivers to see 7+ targets per game, only 59% of Hopkins' targets were deemed "catchable" per Pro Football Focus. That was the 5th-lowest rate in the league. As a reference point, 63% of Hopkins' targets were deemed "catchable" in 2015. While Hopkins ran the 7th-most routes/game (38.4) in 2016, he finished just 52nd in fantasy points per route run.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Texans front office went all-in at QB for the second straight offseason, so hopefully it works out this time for Hopkins and company. The Texans got the most complete rookie QB in the draft in **Deshaun Watson**, who will likely be the starter by September's end (**Bill O'Brien** said after the draft that **Tom Savage** was "our starter," which could buy Savage at least 1-2 games). Watson doesn't have the biggest arm and his accuracy can be sporadic at times, but he's a huge upgrade compared to the slop that Hopkins had to play with last season. Watson also wasn't shy about feeding the ball to **Mike Williams** in college, and he'll do the same with Hopkins in 2017. Hopkins' ADP is down to around 20, and especially if you opt to go RB in the first, he's worth taking that high.

9. MICHAEL THOMAS (NO, 23)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: What an amazing rookie year Thomas had in 2016. Playing with **Drew Brees** certainly has its perks. Amazingly, Thomas finished his rookie season 2nd all-time in receptions (92) and 7th in receiving yards (1,137) among first-year receivers. Thomas led the Saints' wide receiver corps in targets, receptions, yards per game, touchdowns, and red-zone targets. Of course, that means Thomas also led **Brandin Cooks** in PPR points scored. Thomas finished as the WR7 and Cooks the WR9, with 0.87 FPG separating the two. Thomas' immediate accession with the Saints and in the league is simply astonishing, even by today's measures. Even from just a pure football sense, Thomas deserves all the credit in the world for immediately establishing trust between Brees and HC **Sean Payton** in Year One. Even though **Odell Beckham** and **Mike Evans** have cleared our pathways of considering rookie wideouts, it's still not easy for rookies to come in and dominate the same way Thomas did.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Thomas led the Saints in target share, red-zone targets, receptions, yards/game, and touchdowns as a rookie. It's a good thing for him that **Brandin Cooks** is gone because Thomas was destined to be overvalued this year. **Drew Brees** notoriously loves to spread the ball around to the open man and he hardly, if ever, locks onto one pass catcher. Over the past six years, the Saints' leader in targets has not eclipsed 23% of the team's share, so Thomas' target share should rise only slightly from his 18% rate last year. But even if his target share rises slightly, his actual number of targets could drop on a team that will likely run the ball more in 2017 (we have Brees' attempts down 8% this year from last year). It will be tough for Thomas to match his dream 2016 season, so we'd probably hold off on drafting him in the 1st round (top-12). But any time after that, it's hard to argue against selecting him in this great spot.

10. DEZ BRYANT (DAL, 28)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Dez had an up-and-down season, partly due to injury and partly due to the fact that he was playing with a rookie QB in **Dak Prescott**. He ended up playing his best football at the end of the season and in the playoffs. In 13 games (missing three early in the year with a knee injury), Dez posted 50/796/8 receiving on 95 targets (15.9 YPR, 52.6% catch rate). He averaged 14.0 FPG, which ranked him 19th among WRs. However, if you discount the Cowboys' meaningless Week 17 game, in which Dez barely played and didn't catch a pass, he averaged 15.2 FPG, which would have ranked him 13th at the position. Dez didn't have a single top-12 WR finish in PPR until Week 8, but from that point until the end of the season, he had five of them. Dez was clearly getting healthier as the season wore on, and he was also getting more comfortable with Prescott. He had three 100-yard games (four if you include the playoffs), so he wasn't as dominant as you'd like to see, but he was still one of the most effective red-zone and goal-line receivers in the NFL—he turned 5 of his 13 red-zone targets into TDs. All in all, Dez was still a pretty efficient receiver. His 1.92 FP/target was enough to rank him 19th among WRs with 50 or more targets, though he was bested by two teammates (**Terrance Williams** and **Cole Beasley**) in that department.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: At this stage of his career, Bryant has been plagued by injuries and inconsistency. He hasn't led the Cowboys in total receiving since 2014, and he's now entering his age-29 season, so we're wondering if we've already seen the best of Bryant. His catch rate the last two seasons is also below 50%, which isn't good for a supposed stud. The Cowboys surprisingly re-signed a pair of 2017 free agents in **Terrance Williams** and **Brice Butler**, so given the state of their receiving corps, we can't envision Dez being peppered with targets. If we took his 7.3 targets a game in 2016 and protracted that over 16 games, it would give him 117 on the season. At Dez's 2016 catch rate of 52%, that would give him only 60 catches on the season, which isn't very good. And that's assuming he doesn't miss time, which he has in both the last two seasons. His early ADP was 18 (WR9), but while our ranking is similar, he's still a little scary as a 2nd-round pick.

11. DOUG BALDWIN (SEA, 28)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Anyone who said Baldwin would have major TD regression from last year would have been right, as he went from 14 TDs in 2015 to 7 TDs in 2016. But what many didn't also build in was an overall improvement in Baldwin's involvement in the offense overall. In 16 games, Baldwin posted 94/1128/7 receiving on 125 targets (12.0 YPR, 75.2% catch rate). At 15.9 FPG, he ranked 9th among all WRs. Combining

this year with last, Baldwin became the first WR since Pro Football Reference started tracking targets in 1992 to have more than 70 catches and 1000 yards receiving with a 75% or higher catch rate in back-to-back seasons. It's happened only six times in that time frame total, and of those six seasons, Baldwin has the 1st and 3rd-highest YPR as well. There's just no mistaking it, Baldwin is one of the most efficient WRs in the NFL, and his rapport with **Russell Wilson** is one of the best in the entire league. In 2016, Baldwin had six weeks as a top-12 WR, and all of them were in fact top-10 weeks (five were in the top 7). Keep in mind that Baldwin did this with Wilson having a very up-and-down year, in which he dealt with constant injury issues. Baldwin caught at least 4 passes in 14 of 16 games, and had 10 or more FPs in 11 of 16 games. His floor was reasonably high, and he had a massive ceiling.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Although his last two seasons were very similar, we feel 2015 is a better barometer for his 2017 projections because **Russell Wilson** was not healthy for at least half the season, which makes his 2016 performance even more impressive. His 14 TDs in 2015 were probably his career outlier, but there's no disputing the fact that the ultra-competitive Baldwin can beat just about any coverage or secondary, and his timing and chemistry with Wilson is terrific. The cat's completely out of the bag with Baldwin, so his ADP will be high this summer. The early number was 25th overall (WR13), but he'll likely settle in as a 2nd-round pick, and we're fine with that.

12. AMARI COOPER (OAK, 23)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Raiders' #1 WR was a popular 2nd-round pick in 2016. Given that, he probably was a bit of a disappointment. In 16 games, Cooper posted 82/1149/5 receiving on 130 targets (14.0 YPR, 63.1% catch rate). At 14.2 FPG, he finished a solid, but disappointing, 18th at the position. What made Cooper's year more disappointing was the fact that teammate **Michael Crabtree**—available for significantly cheaper on draft day—actually ranked 14th in FPG. Cooper had four 100-yard performances on the year, but the problem is that all of them came through Week 8. Those four games also served as Cooper's only top-12 weekly finishes at the WR position all year. In fact, through Week 8, Cooper was the #7 PPR WR with 17.8 FPG. From that point on, he was an extremely disappointing 52nd with 10.5 FPG, tied with the unknown **Robby Anderson**. He had fewer than 60 yards in eight of his final nine games. On the year, Cooper saw 14 fewer targets than Crabtree, and over the final eight games of the season, he fell below or equaled Crabtree in targets in six of eight games. Then, in the playoffs, he had just 2 catches on 10 targets. So... what happened? Cooper really cleaned up his rookie season drops, but he still had several at inopportune times. It also appeared as if QB **Derek Carr** trusted Crabtree more in big spots. Crabtree saw 22 red-zone targets to Cooper's 13, which will hurt Cooper's TD chances. Worse overall, **Seth Roberts** had 21 red-zone targets despite seeing 54 fewer overall targets than Cooper.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: A problem with Cooper is that top corners can contain him, and it's usually (not always) an opposing defense's top corner who travels with him. Crabtree, meanwhile, is benefiting from the better matchups, plus he clearly has the better relationship with Carr. Still, even though Cooper has been underwhelming, the fact remains: He's a 23-year old, high-end talent entering his third season, and he's going to be in a great offense with a great QB. Most likely, he can only go up. These facts alone mean he merits a high pick, and it's worth noting that an athletic TE like **Jared Cook** can help draw some attention away from Cooper. His early ADP was 19 (WR10), which is a little more optimistic than we are, but it's pretty close. He may fail to reach his ceiling again, but at worst the durable Cooper should be a productive weekly starter in the grand scheme of things, as he was in 2016 (18th in PPR FPG).

13. DEMARYIUS THOMAS (DEN, 29)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: It's a testament to DT's ability that he was able to put up a solid season despite the Broncos' shaky QB situation, and shaky offense overall. In 16 games, DT posted 90/1083/5 receiving on 144 targets (12.0 YPR, 62.5% catch rate). With 14.3 FPG, he turned in the #17 season for a WR. And it was DT's consistency that was the most appreciated—he caught exactly 5 or 6 passes in 10 of 16 games. He caught at least 4 in all but one game (unfortunately, that game was in Week 16). He finished as a top-24 WR eight times, and a top-36 WR once more. So while his ceiling wasn't huge—it was lower than **Emmanuel Sanders**—DT most definitely earned a weekly spot in your lineups simply because he was helping your train along rather than driving it or derailing it. He had just one 100-yard game, but ended up below 40 yards just twice. More often than not, he was QB **Trevor Siemian**'s go-to "chain mover," and **Gary Kubiak** always did a phenomenal job getting the ball in DT's hands on screens and quick slants.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We liked Thomas as a sneaky value last year, and we rated him as our 17th best WR, and that's exactly where he ranked in the 2016 season (PPR). But we did over-estimate his projection because he scored only 5 TDs (we had him with 8). At this point, he's a boring pick. Frankly, he's as high as he is on our board due to his reliability— he's been good-to-great five years running now. The one positive is the seasoning the team's two young QBs gained last year, and their offense has improved on paper in almost all areas this offseason. Thomas' ADP sits at about 30 (WR16), which isn't a particularly good value. But again: If 14-16 points a game (PPR) will make you happy, Thomas is a good bet to deliver.

14. DAVANTE ADAMS (GB, 24)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Adams was one of the worst regular starting WRs in the league as a second-year player in 2015. So *of course* everyone saw him blossoming into one of the best #2 WRs in the league in 2016. He looked like a completely different player in his third season, coming to camp in better shape and looking like a more determined player who knew it was a make-or-break season. Adams didn't wow anybody with his speed or his explosiveness, but he did lead the team with 6 plays of 35+ yards. Adams still dropped way too many passes, including 3 dropped TD passes in Weeks 15-16, but his hands were much improved from his disastrous 2015. He finished the year with 75/997/2 receiving on 121 targets (62.0% catch rate, 13.3 YPR) in 16 games. Adams averaged 15.4 FPG, tying with **Brandin Cooks** for 10th at the position. He played 84% of the snaps, saw a 19.5% target share, and had 10.79% of the team's touches. After being one of the most inefficient WRs last year, Adams did a complete 180 by averaging an impressive 2.06 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.93. He tied **Anquan Boldin** for the 2nd-most red-zone targets (26) behind teammate **Jordy Nelson** (36). Adams also tied with **Antonio Brown** and **Mike Evans** for 2nd in WR TDs (12) behind Nelson (14). Adams was a boom-or-bust option from Week 11-17, with three games of 20+ FPs and three games under 8 FPs. He did have a spectacular run through the playoffs with Nelson out or limited with a rib injury, posting 16/217/2 receiving and averaging 16.6 FPG.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Adams' breakout season came a year later than most expected—after being overdrafted in fantasy before the 2015 season—as a result of **Jordy Nelson**'s season-ending knee injury. However, his ascension in GB has progressed similarly to several other young recent Packer wideouts, including Nelson himself and **Greg Jennings**. Adams was not only finally healthy last year, he was in his third year with Rodgers and the system, and this is a player we were very high on coming out of Fresno State in 2014. He has to cut down on the big drops and continue to polish his game, but we think Adams is legit and we like him as a WR target around 30-35 overall (his early ADP was 35, WR20).

15. ALLEN ROBINSON (JAC, 24)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Thanks in large part to **Blake Bortles'** drastic decline and Robinson's own shortcomings, the 2016 season was none too kind to A-Rob. After breaking out for a monster 80/1400/14 season in 2015, Robinson came crashing back down to earth in 2016. He still caught 73 balls, but they went for a lackluster 883 yards and just 6 touchdowns. Bortles perhaps regressed to a point where he can't return in 2016, but Robinson's poor season needs a ton of context. First and foremost, Robinson saw the exact same number of targets (151) as in 2015. The main issue (or point of regression) for Robinson in 2016 was deep targets. Per PFF, Robinson and Bortles linked up for a league-leading 672 yards on 46 "deep" targets (passes that travel 20 yards in the air) in 2015. At 14.6 yards per deep target, Robinson and Bortles formed one of the best deep passing duos in the league. That all changed in 2016. Last year, Robinson saw a robust 31 deep targets (6th-most), but only caught 4 of those attempts for 108 yards. Again, per PFF, just 5 of Robinson's 31 deep targets were deemed "catchable". After averaging nearly 15 yards per deep target in 2015, Bortles and Robinson combined for an abysmal 3.5 yards per deep target in 2016. While Bortles' regression is apparent in every facet of his game, his deep-ball acumen perhaps suffered the most in 2016. After a stellar WR8 (FPG) season in 2015, Robinson posted a wholly poor WR34 finish in 2016.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We watch all the games each NFL season and watching Robinson closely last year he was not the problem. Yet, by mid-season his frustration with his bad situation was evident and probably hurt matters more. The main problem was Bortles' terrible mechanics, which jacked up the timing on their deep-ball connections. Robinson was a top-12 pick last year, but in 2017 his ADP is down to the 25-30 range, which makes him more palatable. We can't say we're *targeting* him, since the Jags will focus a lot more on their running game and they have 2-3 wideouts other than Robinson who'll likely be in the mix, but he's still a young and very talented receiver. He's not a bad pick in the 3rd round if you need a wideout, and it's certainly possible that Bortles will play better with **Leonard Fournette** locked in as a foundation player in this offense.

16. JARVIS LANDRY (MIA, 24)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Dolphins offense revolved around Landry in 2015 and in the early part of 2016 before RB **Jay Ajayi** took the torch for the offense early in the season. Landry averaged 10.2 targets per game in 2015 and 11.3 through the first four weeks of 2016, before seeing his average dip to 7.2 in the final 12 games of the season. He averaged 16.8 FPG in 2015, 19.0 in Weeks 1-4 of 2016, and 13.1 in Weeks 5-17 of 2016. He finished 2016 with 94/1136/4 receiving on 131 targets (71.8% catch rate, 12.1 YPR) in 16 games. He averaged 14.6 FPG, ranking him 16th at the position behind **Michael Crabtree**. He played on 94% of the snaps, saw a healthy 28.7% target share, and had 14.14% of the team's touches. He didn't quite reach his 2015 numbers (111/1159/4), but he showed more than ever that he's dynamic after the catch and tough to bring down with one defender, as his YPR average has climbed in each of his first three seasons (9.0>10.4>12.1). Landry wasn't nearly as consistent as he has been from a game-to-game basis, but he still fell below 10 FPs just four times and hit 20+ FPs three times. He's never been prolific in the red zone, seeing just 9 red-zone targets this season, which ranked 68th at the position, and he has just 13 receiving TDs in three years.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: At this point, we know what Landry is and we can count on him to stay on the field and produce, so the real question is how much volume he'll get. He was down 2 full targets a game in 2016 from 2015, but the good news is that his catch rate was up to 71.8% and his YPR was a career-high 12.1 (just as HC **Adam Gase** promised last year). While it's easy to assume the Dolphins will remain run-heavy with **Jay Ajayi** based on 2016, we do think the Dolphin passing game can take a big step forward in Year Two of Gase's offense, so we see their passing production on the rise this year. Landry may not get a ton of looks if **DeVante Parker** is healthy all year, so Landry could underwhelm if he doesn't get a little more love in the red zone (keep in mind TE **Julius Thomas** will be a big factor as well). However, there's a lot to be said about Landry's reliability. His ADP sits at about 35 (WR19), which is a fair price to pay for such a good football player. If he slips to the 4th round, then he's even more appealing.

17. ALSHON JEFFERY (PHI, 27)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Jeffery had two chances to make a big impression as a contract year player and he struck out twice the last two seasons. He had an overall disappointing campaign even if you discount his suspension, with the relatively unknown **Cameron Meredith** outperforming him at WR. Jeffery and the rest of the offense had a rough go of it with their revolving door at QB, and he was playing with practice-squad QB **Matt Barkley** by the end of the season. Jeffery had just one 100-yard game in 2016, but he did have quite a few near 100-yard games, with five games with 85+ yards. He finished the year with 52/821/2 receiving on 94 targets (55.3% catch rate, 15.8 YPR) in 12 games. He averaged 12.2 FPG, tying with **Jordan Matthews** for 36th at the position. Jeffery played 93% of the snaps, saw a 17.3% target share, and had 7.57% of the team's touches. He averaged just 1.59 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.93. Jeffery did have 12+ FPs in 8 games, but he had just one standout performance with 20+ FPs, which is a major disappointment for a guy being drafted as a WR1 last summer.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Jeffery decided to bet on himself again after playing on the Franchise Tag in 2016 by signing a one-year deal with the Eagles. Jeffery's availability is an issue, but we don't question this guy's ability to ball out. Jeffery will reunite with his old WR coach **Mike Groh**, with whom he had his best season in Chicago in 2013. While we sometimes question Jeffery's motivation, that shouldn't be a problem for him in 2017, as he'll be working for quite possibly the biggest contract of his career. He cited the QB in Philadelphia as a big reason to join the team, and we do love **Carson Wentz**. But, given Jeffery's spotty recent past and the fact that Wentz is obviously still a work in progress, we'd feel a lot better about Jeffery as a WR2 or a fantastic WR3 than a WR1 on this new team. His ADP of 30 (WR17) is right where we have him rated, but he's not a guy we'll be aggressively targeting. He makes the most sense around 30-35 overall if we're looking for a wideout after drafting 1-2 RBs.

18. SAMMY WATKINS (BUF, 23)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Watkins showed that he's capable of being an elite WR in Week 16 against the Dolphins, finishing with a dominant 7/154/1 against the Dolphins. The problem is that Watkins rarely got to show off his elite ability in a season essentially lost to his lingering foot issue. He finished with just 28/430/2 receiving on 52 targets (52.8% catch rate, 15.4 YPR) in only 8 games. He averaged just 10.4 FPG, ranking him just behind another disappointing wide receiver, **Brandon Marshall**, at 52nd for the position. Watkins averaged just 1.60 fantasy points per target – the league average for the position was 1.93. When he was in the lineup, he played on 76% of the snaps and he had an 11.4% target share for the entire season.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Bills didn't pick up Watkins' fifth-year option this year, which isn't a great sign, but at least Watkins has added motivation being in the final year of his rookie deal. Everything obviously comes down to health with Watkins, and while we did not push him in 2016 due to his health concerns, we're ready to buy this year if there are minimal worries about his foot and overall health this summer. There are

a whopping 207 vacated targets in this offense (43%, second most in the league). If Watkins is healthy, he's a mortal lock to deliver for fantasy. Banking on Watkins is still a leap of faith, but the payoff is big and his price tag isn't too steep. His early ADP of 33 (WR18) will likely rise a little, but at long as he's outside of the top-25, he's a potential steal.

19. TERRELLE PRYOR (WAS, 28)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Pryor was one of the more pleasant surprises of the 2016 season, even though he played for a dreadful 1-15 team. Pryor became the first former NFL QB to convert to WR and have a 1000-yard season since **Marlin Briscoe** did it all the way back in 1968, according to ESPN's Pat McManamon. And he had his historic season with one of the worst QB situations in recent memory, playing with five different QBs and taking some snaps under center himself. Pryor finished with 77/1007/4 receiving on 140 targets (55.0% catch rate, 13.1 YPR) in 16 games, playing through a finger injury late in the year. He averaged 13.4 FPG, ranking 22nd at the position behind **Tyrell Williams**. He played 87% of the snaps and saw a generous 25.2% target share. Pryor averaged just 1.51 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.93. Pryor was at his best when the halfway competent **Cody Kessler** was at QB in Weeks 3-11, when he averaged 16.5 FPG and posted 50/624/4 receiving in 9 games.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Pryor is moving to a new team, which can be disruptive, but we like how it's a one-year, "prove-it" deal, since Pryor proved a lot in 2016. His growth last year was pretty remarkable; he went from running only a few routes early on to running damn near a full route tree by season's end. Pryor will have to learn some new terminology, but it's a similar system to Cleveland's, as Brown HC **Hue Jackson** has ties to Redskin OC **Jay Gruden** from their days in Cincinnati. To put his fantasy prospects into perspective, consider this: No team in NFL history has ever lost two 1000-yard WRs in an offseason. With the loss of **DeSean Jackson** and **Pierre Garçon**, 35% of their team share of targets (214 total targets) and 32% of their red-zone targets from the 2016 season are open for Pryor and **John Doctson** to claim. We do like Doctson a lot if he's healthy, but Pryor is also appealing in this very good situation, and **Kirk Cousins** has already talked him up this year. With an ADP around 40 (WR21), he's a really nice 4th-round pick with some upside, especially if Doctson has more problems and/or if injury-prone TE **Jordan Reed** misses considerable time.

20. LARRY FITZGERALD (ARI, 34)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: It was refreshing to see that, despite the Cardinals' receiving corps collapsing around him, Fitz continued to be one of the most productive possession receivers in the entire NFL in 2016. In 16 games, Fitz posted 108/1028/6 receiving on 151 targets (9.5 YPR, 71.5% catch rate). He averaged 15.4 FPG, which ranked him tied for 10th among WRs in PPR leagues. Fitz turned in back-to-back 100-catch seasons at ages 32 and 33, making him the second-oldest player to ever do so—some guy named **Jerry Rice** did it at an older age. Fitz caught at least 3 passes in every game, and caught 5+ passes in 13 of 16 games. He had 10+ catches three times, though he went for 100 yards just once. Fitz's ceiling was limited by his lack of TDs, and he didn't even spread them out well. He scored 2 TDs in two different games, meaning he had 1 TD or more just four times in 16 games. Nonetheless, his huge target share (10 or more targets in seven of 16 games) meant his floor was pretty high. Fitz ranked as a top-12 WR in PPR just three times all year (despite finishing the year 10th overall), but four more times ranked as a top-24 option, and twice more on top of that top-36. So his usefulness for fantasy didn't necessarily fall in line with his total season average, but there's still no doubt that Fitz was the most productive Arizona WR.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: While the offseason retirement speculation and his career-low 9.6 YPR aren't great signs, Fitz should be locked in with another 150 targets as the clear #1 option in their passing game. He's a good bet to come through with at least 90 catches again in 2017. With a little luck in the red zone, Fitz could easily haul in 8-10 TDs, which would put Fitzgerald over the top as a great producer. With an ADP around 50 (WR26), he's not an exciting pick, but he'll make sense for drafters looking for a safe and steady PPR option.

21. GOLDEN TATE (DET, 29)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Tate became an afterthought in the offense through the first five weeks of the season, with **Marvin Jones** going absolutely bonkers in the early going. Eventually, Marvin faded when teams started to press him off the line of scrimmage, and **Matthew Stafford** turned to his old reliable target Tate down the stretch. He regained his top form around midseason, turning back into the offensive chess piece that's he's been since he arrived in 2014. Tate ranked 88th among fantasy WRs in Weeks 1-5 with just 6.1 FPG (17/134/0 receiving) before exploding in Weeks 6-17, ranking 7th at the position with 17.5 FPG (74/943/4) in that span. He became an even more pivotal part of this passing game after **Theo Riddick** went out of the lineup early in Week 13, ranking 3rd at the position with 18.5 FPG (34/460/2). Overall, Tate finished the year with 91/1077/4 receiving on 135 targets (67.4% catch rate, 11.8 YPR) in 16 games. Tate averaged 13.9 FPG, ranking 20th at the position behind **Dez Bryant**. He played 84% of the snaps, saw a 22.9% target share, and had 13.21% of the team's touches. Tate should be active from the get-go next season, and he's averaged 93.3 catches per game the last three years.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Lions have a pair of new receivers in WR **Kenny Golladay** and TE **Michael Roberts** who are intriguing, but they're raw rookies, so counting on them is unwise. That said, old reliable Tate is standing by and is poised to haul in 90+ passes for the fourth straight season in Detroit. He's averaged 135 targets a season in his three years in Detroit, and that was his 2016 number (8.4 per game). That could be rising slightly this year with **Anquan Boldin** gone, so Tate could flirt with 100 catches as he did in 2014 (99 catches). He's not a tremendous value with an early ADP of 50 (WR26), but he once again looks like a lock for at least 14-15 points a game in PPR.

22. MICHAEL CRABTREE (OAK, 29)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: For the second consecutive year, Crabtree went down as one of the biggest draft-day values at the WR position. In 16 games, the veteran WR hauled in 89/1003/8 on 144 targets (11.3 YPR, 61.8% catch rate). At 14.8 FPG, he ranked 14th at WR for the full season, which put him four spots above teammate **Amari Cooper**. And Cooper was typically going at least 5 rounds ahead of Crabtree on draft day. Crabtree had only three top-12 finishes at WR compared to Cooper's four, but the story of Crabtree's year was a greater level of consistency. Crabtree had six additional weeks as a top-24 WR, compared to just one for Cooper (through Week 16). Cooper was ranked as the 52nd WR with 10.5 FPG over the final eight games of the regular season, while Crabtree was far more usable 32 at WR32 (not great, but still not killing you). Crabtree had three 100-yard games, but fell below 13.0 FPG just five times in 16 games. His ceiling wasn't as high as Cooper's, but his floor was much higher... in large part because of his 22 red-zone targets compared to Cooper's 13.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Crabtree is not a stud with tantalizing upside, but there's a lot to be said for his consistency and chemistry with QB **Derek Carr**. Playing opposite **Amari Cooper** is a big positive, since Crabtree tends to get the better matchups, and he usually takes advantage of that. His early ADP was around 45, which seems a tad high, but he's the WR22 off the board, which is exactly where we have him rated. One of these

years Cooper is going to explode, and Crabtree could lose some targets to TE **Jared Cook**. But it's hard to argue with Crabtree's results at this point.

23. BRANDON MARSHALL (NYG, 33)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: To put it nicely, Marshall had an absolutely miserable season, going down as one of the biggest busts of the fantasy season considering his second-round ADP from this summer. Marshall was held to 70 receiving yards or fewer in 10 straight games to end 2016, this after he reeled off 70+ receiving yards in his final six games of 2015. Marshall battled some of the worst starting QB play from **Ryan Fitzpatrick** and company this season. It didn't help that his running partner **Eric Decker** (shoulder/hip) went out early in the year, putting all the attention on Marshall in the passing game. Top it off with nagging issues, and Marshall had a wasted campaign. Marshall finished with 60/787/3 receiving on 127 targets (47.2% catch rate, 13.1 YPR) in 15 games. He averaged just 10.4 FPG, tying him for 51st with **Sammy Watkins** at the position. Marshall averaged a pathetic 1.23 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.93. He played on 92% of the snaps, had a 23.7% target share, and saw 8.77% of the team's touches. After scoring 14 TDs in 2015, Marshall had just 7 catches in the red zone this season. Terrible QB play led to his miserable catch rate, but he also dropped 7 passes and he struggled to create separation as a route runner, which is obviously a big concern going forward since he'll be 33 years old in 2017.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Marshall may be slowing down, but he looks like a great fit in this offense. The Giants run a high number of quick slants and in-breaking routes, plays that he can maximize due to his size and physicality. And after a slow start to his career in terms of scoring TDs, Marshall's been a beast in the end zone, with 11.25 TDs per season from 2012-2015 (excluding last year's horror show). Big Blue can use some help there (only 3 TDs by their TEs last year). He should enjoy improved and consistent QB play with **Eli Manning**, but we're most encouraged by his position as the #2 WR opposite **Odell Beckham**. Marshall knows that he's no longer his team's #1 WR, but in New York that means he should consistently get better matchups, whether they be against lesser corners or just no double-teams. There are some legit concerns about his advancing age and his likely declining targets, but we do think Marshall can be much more efficient in this offense, particularly when it comes to scoring TDs. Best of all, with an ADP around 55 (WR27), he's affordable, so we like him as a great WR3 and a viable WR2 in 2017.

24. CAMERON MEREDITH (CHI, 24)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: No one would've guessed at the beginning of 2016 that Meredith would be the only bright spot at receiver. It was that kind of year for the Bears. Even the Bears didn't know what they had in Meredith, making the second-year WR a healthy scratch for the first two games of the season. He had just 6 total catches in the following two games before getting his big break when **Kevin White** went out of the lineup. Meredith is the only player in the league to have 9+ catches and 100+ yards in four games this season—**Julio Jones**, **A.J. Green**, **T.Y. Hilton**, and **Michael Thomas** each did it three times. Heck, the Bears #1 WR **Alshon Jeffery** had just one 100-yard game and the most receptions he had in a game was 7. Meredith finished the year with 66/888/4 receiving on 97 targets (68.0% catch rate, 13.5 YPR) in 14 games. He averaged 13.1 FPG, ranking 26th at the position behind **Kenny Britt**. He played on 78% of the snaps, saw a team-high 18.2% target share, and had 9.61% of the team's touches. The only knock against Meredith in 2016 is that he was a boom-or-bust option, topping 19+ FPs five times and falling below 7 FPs five times. He showed more consistency from Week 10 on, averaging 14.5 FPG, mostly with **Matt Barkley** at QB, which included a four-game stretch with Jeffery out of the lineup in Weeks 11-14.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Meredith in 2016 went from fighting for a roster spot in August to eventually leading the team in receptions and receiving yards. The second-year receiver (and former QB) out of Illinois State certainly had a surprising breakout season. Meredith got a lot of love from fantasy owners, and the Bear coaches were also singing his praises for his versatility, improved hands, and overall consistency and reliability. With **Alshon Jeffery** gone, Meredith is now a good bet to be their top passing target, as the spring updates on former #1 pick **Kevin White** were not encouraging. Meredith played a lot in the slot last year but played all three receiver spots and can be their top guy on the outside. He'll have to work with a new QB (**Mike Glennon** or #2 overall pick **Mitchell Trubisky**), but it didn't take him long at all to get on the same page as journeyman **Matt Barkley** last year, so his growth pattern should continue to point upward in 2017. His early ADP of around 90 (WR41) seems way too low. We're sure that number will be rising into the 60-75 range as the summer goes along, but even if it does, we still see him as a great value and player to target.

25. EMMANUEL SANDERS (DEN, 30)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: In 16 games, Sanders posted 79/1032/5 receiving on 136 targets (13.1 YPR, 58.1% catch rate). He averaged 13.3 FPG, which tied him for 23rd among WRs, which is six spots behind **Demaryius Thomas** on the season. But in terms of "matchup-winning" weeks, Sanders led the way by far, despite Sanders finishing as a top-24 WR just five times compared to DT's eight. Sanders was actually a top-8 WR in four of those five weeks, so his floor was much lower than DT's, but his ceiling was consistently higher. Sanders had four games of 22 or more FPs, but eight games with fewer than 10 FPs, including making just 1 catch in the final two games of the regular season combined. He had three 100-yard games to one for DT, but what hurt Sanders' consistency was the fact that all 5 of his TDs came in the four highest-yardage games of the year for the Broncos. He was more of a downfield thread for **Trevor Siemian** than was Thomas, which also led to the inconsistency. He's still a great player, but the Broncos had less-than-great QB play, which led to his worst statistical year in a Denver uniform.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Sanders wasn't as consistent as **Demaryius Thomas** last year, but he was more explosive and had the higher ceiling, and we'll likely see that play out again this year. He's a very good player, but we don't exactly see him getting a level of QB play similar to **Peyton Manning's** last good season in 2014. Sanders that year had only 4 more targets than he did in 2016, yet he caught only 79 passes compared to 101 in '14 (57.7% catch rate last year vs. an impressive 71.6% rate in 2014). Denver's two young QBs did gain some valuable experience last year, but there's some downside to their receivers if they opt to roll with **Paxton Lynch**, who is still a project. Sanders' ADP of 60 (WR31) is very acceptable, but we'd prefer him as a WR3 where his boom-or-bust nature is more tolerable.

26. DONTE MONCRIEF (IND, 24)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: After getting a ton of hype last summer, Moncrief had a fairly pedestrian 2016 season. Plagued by injuries that limited him to just nine games, Moncrief averaged just 34.1 yards per game in 2016, even though he caught a career-high 7 TDs. In the seven healthy games he completed, he eclipsed 50 yards receiving just one time and his longest reception went for just 33 yards. Moncrief finished up the 2016 season 45th in fantasy points per route run (0.348) and has now posted back-to-back years as the WR46 in PPR formats. While Moncrief was labeled a big-play threat out of college, he really has lacked any sort of pop over the last two years. Moncrief's yards per target average has slipped in every single year (9.7 > 7.3 > 5.7) while his yards after the catch average (6.7 > 4.1 > 2.5) has fallen off of the face of the earth, too.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Moncrief has been underwhelming for sure, but with an ADP of 60 (WR30), we're inclined to take another stab at him in the final year of his rookie deal. There are only 58 targets vacated from this offense from 2016, but they're still thin at receiver and should rely heavily on Moncrief. If healthy, he does have the talent to be a difference-maker, and it doesn't hurt that he plays opposite a dynamic weapon in **T.Y. Hilton**, and with a top QB in **Andrew Luck**. At the very least, he's been a good red-zone threat and TD producer, but he's got to get back to making some more explosive plays.

27. JULIAN EDELMAN (NE, 31)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Edelman, the Patriots new all-time leader in postseason receiving yards, had a strong finishing kick to his year, capitalizing on some extra targets that became available after **Rob Gronkowski**'s season-ending back injury in Week 12. Starting in Week 10 and continuing through their Super Bowl victory, Edelman averaged 7.1/99.1/0.3 receiving per game on 12.1 targets. He's had a tough time staying on the field since he arrived in New England in 2009, but he completed his second 16-game season in eight years, even with the heavy workload down the stretch. He did have a rough clip during Weeks 3-6, failing to reach double-digit FPs in four straight games, but he didn't have **Tom Brady** in two of those contests. Edelman had 13+ FPs in every other game this season, including the playoffs. He finished the year with 98/1106/3 receiving on 159 targets (61.6% catch rate, 11.3 YPR) in 16 games. Edelman averaged 14.5 FPG, ranking 16th at the position behind **Jarvis Landry**. He played 78% of the snaps, saw a whopping 29.4% target share, and had 12.74% of the team's touches. Edelman averaged just 1.46 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.93.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: With only 79 vacated targets from 2016 (14%), **Brandin Cooks'** targets are going to have to come from somewhere, and some will likely come at Edelman's expense. On the other hand, New England may opt to throw the ball 3-5 more times a game (they averaged only 34 attempts per game last year). The bigger challenge with Edelman is his ADP, which remains pretty high at 45-50 overall (WR24). That creates some downside for Edelman, who is on the wrong side of 30 and will be sharing the ball with more Patriot weapons than ever. We still have him ranked over Cooks due to his long history of producing in this offense and with **Tom Brady**, but this is obviously a tough situation to handicap. Our best advice is to be careful not to overrate Edelman and hope he slips a little to present some value.

28. JAMISON CROWDER (WAS, 24)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: In 16 games, Crowder posted 67/847/7 receiving on 98 targets (12.6 YPR, 68.4% catch rate). With 12.1 FPG, he ranked 40th among WRs, one spot ahead of **DeSean Jackson**. Crowder, typically Washington's slot receiver, played 73.8% of the club's offensive snaps on the year. He had nine finishes as a top-36 WR on the year, though a late-season slump buried plenty of fantasy playoff teams—he totaled just 17.0 FP over the final four games of the season. Nonetheless, Crowder had eight games with 4+ receptions, and keep in mind he didn't have a full role. **Jay Gruden** overall did a phenomenal job scheming up plays to utilize Crowder's speed.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Considering Crowder's promising 2016 season and the whopping 214 vacated targets from last year, he's looking good for fantasy in 2017. Obviously, they have **Terrelle Pryor** and **Josh Doctson** to pick up a lot of the slack from last year, but Crowder is entrenched in this offense and clicks well with **Kirk Cousins**, so he looks like a safe and steady pick this year. With an ADP around 65 (WR33), he's not an incredible value, but we'd imagine he'll slip a little further than 65 overall in most leagues, especially since Crowder faded late in 2016. During Weeks 1-13, Crowder was the #18 WR in PPR formats, and that's a good glimpse of his upside if things go well this year.

29. BRANDIN COOKS (NE, 23)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Cooks put together another phenomenal year in 2016 with 78/1,173/8 on 117 targets. He saw 12 fewer targets in 2016 compared to one year ago and was actually just slightly out-targeted by **Michael Thomas** (121 to 117). Cooks ranked 9th among WRs, two spots behind his former teammate. On the other hand, Thomas averaged more PPR points per route than Cooks, he saw more targets per route run than Cooks, and he massively out-targeted Cooks in the red-zone (19:12). Thomas also finished the year with eight top-24 (WR2 or better) weeks compared to Cooks' seven. Thomas, too, had six top-15 PPR scoring weeks to Cooks' three. By almost all measures, Cooks played second fiddle to Thomas in 2016 by a slight margin.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Still only 23 years old when the 2017 season kicks off, Cooks is 28th in receiving yards per game (68.1) and 8th in receptions per game (5.12) among receivers all-time in their first three years as a pro. However, 87% of the Patriots' pass targets in 2016 are still on the roster, with the lone exception being TE **Martellus Bennett**, who has been replaced by **Dwayne Allen**. Common sense says Cooks' targets will come at the expense of all their other receivers as opposed to 1-2 of them, and as long as he can pick up this offense relatively well, he should be a devastating weapon for innovative OC **Josh McDaniels**. He'll use him anywhere on the field and challenge defenses both horizontally and vertically. The problem is Cooks' ADP, which was sitting at around 25 overall (WR12) in the spring. That's a bit rich considering Cooks is on a new team with a plethora of receiving options. Things would have to work out beautifully for Cooks in his first year in New England, and they could. But taking Cooks that high is a play-to-win move that will probably go down as being too aggressive.

30. PIERRE GARÇON (SF, 31)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: For a guy who was practically free in drafts, Garçon provided consistent value, especially in the second half of the season. Playing in all 16 games, Garçon posted 79/1041/3 receiving on 114 targets (13.2 YPR, 69.3% catch rate). He averaged 12.6 FPG, which ranked him 30th among WRs, and first among Washington WRs. At a 76% snap share on the year, he led all Washington WRs. He had 10 finishes as a top-36 WR, and in Week 17, in a must-win game for the club (they lost), Garçon looked like the only guy on offense who actually wanted to win the game. A physical route runner with sure hands, he was one of **Kirk Cousins**' preferred third-down options. It's also worth noting that Garçon's role increased in the second half of the year, and from Week 10 on he averaged 14.9 FPG, tying him for 16th at the position. Garçon had just one 100-yard game on the year, but he caught at least 4 passes in all but two games. He was as reliable as receivers come, even if he wasn't always dominant for fantasy (though he did lead the NFL in receptions in 2013).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: It's no surprise that new HC **Kyle Shanahan** brought in a guy he's familiar with in Garçon, who led the NFL in receptions in 2013 with Shanahan as the Redskins' OC. A physical route runner with sure hands, Garçon is very steady, and he's seriously durable, having not missed a game over the last four years. It's also worth noting that Garçon's role increased in the second half of last year. From Week 10 on, he averaged 14.9 FPG, tying him for 16th at the position, which is a glimpse into his potential as a featured guy in the 49er passing game. At 31 years old, Garçon isn't going to win based on explosiveness and athleticism, but he has plenty left in the tank, and he'll immediately be the top target on the outside for QB **Brian Hoyer**. Depending on the QB situation and play, Garçon could be anywhere from a low-end WR2 to a high-end WR3 this

season, but with an ADP of around 95 overall (WR43), he looks like a lock to go down as a value.

31. WILLIE SNEAD (NO, 24)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Clearly behind both **Michael Thomas** and **Brandin Cooks** on the Saints' target totem pole, Snead had a strong 2016 season in his own right. After posting 69/984/3 on 101 targets in 2015, Snead backed up his unexpected 2015 campaign with 72/895/4 on 104 targets in 2016. Snead didn't have much touchdown equity because of his role—he ran over 70% of his routes from the slot—but he did catch 4+ passes in 10-of-15 games and his 1.89 yards gained per route run was 4th-best among qualified slot receivers, per PFF. Only **Jarvis Landry**, **Julian Edelman**, and **T.Y. Hilton** gained more cumulative receiving yards in the slot than Snead did in 2016. Unfortunately, Snead's consistency did not generate a big weekly ceiling or floor. He only finished as a top-12 (WR1) receiver twice during Weeks 1-16 and finished the year with just five top-24 (WR2) scoring weeks.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Saints did sign veteran speedster **Ted Ginn**, but with **Brandin Cooks** shipped out of town, things are looking good for Snead. Over the last three seasons, no Saint receiver saw more than a 19% target share, but Snead's targets (17% share last year) should go up. **Michael Thomas** will operate as the top outside receiver with Snead likely sticking to the slot, and only **Jarvis Landry**, **Julian Edelman**, and **T.Y. Hilton** gained more cumulative receiving yards from the slot than Snead did in 2016. The appeal to him with Cooks off the roster is obvious. In fact, Snead could easily end up being the better draft value of the two, as his ADP is over 60 spots lower than Thomas' ADP (13 WR7 vs. 75 WR34).

32. KELVIN BENJAMIN (CAR, 26)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: You know you had a bad year when you and **Ted Ginn** have the same number of top-24 weeks (4). Coming off of a torn-ACL, Benjamin failed to separate himself from a nearly 32-year-old receiver who is notoriously boom-or-bust on the field. As it turns out, targets are a helluva a drug. In his rookie year, Benjamin saw 145 total targets (7th-most in the league); in 2016, Benjamin saw just 118 targets, ranking him 27th among all wideouts. Benjamin's WR31 (PPR) campaign in 2016 was a distant cry from his WR19 finish in 2014. What's most interesting, however, is Benjamin averaged the same amount of fantasy points per route run in 2016 as he did two years ago (0.422 fantasy points/route in 2016, 0.421 in 2014). The difference is strictly in volume. Benjamin ran 4.31 fewer routes and saw 1.88 fewer targets per game in 2016 versus 2014. With **Cam Newton**'s major statistical regression last year in play, it's possible Benjamin hit his ceiling as a rookie in 2014 and his dead floor in 2016.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: At 6'5", Benjamin has a ton of touchdown equity built into his profile no matter Carolina's offensive makeup. Benjamin has converted 41.2% of his red-zone targets into scores over his first two pro seasons. For reference, the league average touchdown rate on targets inside of the red-zone is about 25%. Although **Ted Ginn** is gone, Benjamin is probably going to need TDs to come through this year due to the state of their evolving offense, which will incorporate more short passing to rookies **Christian McCaffrey** and WR **Curtis Samuel**. Benjamin's early ADP is around 60 (WR32). We do have him at 32 at WR, but we still don't love him as a late 5th- or even a 6th-round pick, and the fact that he's put on weight again this offseason doesn't help.

33. STEFON DIGGS (MIN, 23)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Diggs has flashed star potential in his first two seasons, leaving defenders in his dust at times with his route running and elite quickness. He had four monster games with 21+ FPs and set an NFL record with consecutive 13-catch games in Weeks 9-10. But as has become the case all too much, he completely disappears too much for our liking to be seriously considered as one of the league's best WRs. He fell below 10 FPs in six of his 13 games, which is tough to swallow for a WR1/2. Diggs finished the year with 84/903/3 receiving on 112 targets (75.0% catch rate, 10.8 YPR) in 13 games. He averaged 14.9 FPG, ranking 13th at the position behind **Larry Fitzgerald**. He played on 81% of the snaps, saw an 18.8% target share, and had 11.13% of the team's touches. They did move Diggs around the formation more this past season, seeing more time in the slot, and the offense ran through him at times with **Adrian Peterson** out of the mix.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Vikings couldn't run the ball or protect **Sam Bradford** behind a shoddy O-line last season, and the offense turned into a short-passing attack once **Pat Shurmur** took over the playcalling at midseason. That worked out for Diggs, but it also exposed him to a lot of contact and he had a rough time staying on the field. We really respect Diggs as a ball player, but his slight frame and lack of durability concern us, plus it looks like 2016 #1 pick **Laquan Treadwell** might be coming on a little in 2017. Diggs' ADP of around 60 (WR29) is fair given his durability issues, but we honestly thought he'd be getting more love based on his strong outputs last year when he was healthy. As concerned as we are about his availability, this is a fair price to pay for a baller like Diggs.

34. KEENAN ALLEN (LAC, 25)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Allen has strong hands and is a crisp route runner. He has good size (6'2", 211 pounds), but he'll never be confused for a physical freak. Allen is above average in just about every area, and his versatility helps him make plays at all levels of the field. He has sneaky athletic ability and a wide-catching radius. Allen can work out of the slot and is a smooth receiver who finishes after the catch. He's also a refined route runner, which has certainly endeared him to **Philip Rivers**. Allen isn't a vertical threat, but he shows good instincts with the ball in his hands. Allen might not have the same athletic ability as some of the elite NFL WRs, so NFL DBs can contain him. Still, he should continue to be effective because of his superior route running, hands, and competitiveness.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Considered a top-15 pick by many in 2016, we didn't rank him nearly as high last year, and it had everything to do with his major injury concerns. We know how that played out last year (torn ACL Week 1), and now he's really tough to handicap coming off his injury. **Tyrell Williams** emerged with him sidelined and the Chargers drafted **Mike Williams** in the 1st round this past April. Perhaps we're underrating what could be a very good player, but his early ADP in the 25-30 range (WR14) is too costly given his injury concerns and the fact that he'll be hard-pressed to get a lot of volume.

35. TYREEK HILL (KC, 23)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: In 16 games, Hill posted 61/593/6 receiving on 83 targets (9.7 YPR, 73.5% catch rate) with an obscene 24/267/3 rushing added on (11.0 YPR) to average 12.6 FPG, which tied him for 30th among WRs with 12.6 FPG. Those in return-yardage leagues got even more value, as Hill combined for 976 yards and 3 TDs on kick and punt return TDs. It was a year of explosive plays for Hill, but only twice did he have 10+ offensive touches in a game. He played just 42.8% of the Chiefs' offensive snaps overall, making him one of the single most efficient players in fantasy football. Hill finished eight times as a top-36 WR, the same number of times as the rest of his teammates combined (that included two top-12 finishes). Among WRs with 50 or more snaps, Hill ranked #1 at 0.47 FPs/snap, nearly three times the league average of 0.18 FPs/snap among such players. Hill scored 12 TDs as a rookie, and eight of them were of 30 yards or more. Five of those eight were of 68 yards or more. Without a doubt, he was one of the most electric players in the entire NFL.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: As much as we love playing to win, Hill's early ADP was a bit over the top and it will likely stay there all summer. Hill had only 10 touches in a game twice, so his efficiency was obscene. But it'll be tough to match and it's questionable that he can see a significantly higher number of touches this year. His early ADP was 45 overall (WR23), and that's really aggressive. He's an exciting pick for sure, and you can't teach his ability to run away from NFL defenders, but he's still something of an enigma given his unique role as a runner/receiver. We see Hill as more of a 6th- or 7th-round pick in a typical 12-team league.

36. DESEAN JACKSON (TB, 30)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: DeSean played through a variety of injuries in 2016, but he missed just one game total, and turned in a very DeSean-like line, posting 56/1005/4 receiving on 98 targets (17.9 YPR, 57.1% catch rate). At 12.0 FPG, he ranked 41st at the WR position, one spot behind teammate **Jamison Crowder**. But it was really a tale of two seasons for D-Jax. Between Weeks 4-8, when he was dealing with a variety of ailments, he had five consecutive games below 10 FPs, the longest such streak of his career. But after missing Week 10 with his shoulder injury, he turned it on for the playoff stretch. Over that span, he averaged 14.7 FPG, ranking him 18th at the position. Seven times Jackson finished as a top-24 WR, and five of those seven times came after Week 11, when he was clearly feeling healthier. And frankly, he could have been better than that. We'd need two hands (and perhaps some toes) to count the times QB **Kirk Cousins** missed him on a potential huge gain down the field, if not a TD. Sometimes it was an inaccurate throw, and other times Cousins just flat out didn't see him or didn't pull the trigger. For our money, DeSean was playing some of his best football of his career down the stretch.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Even as he enters his 30s, D-Jax is still the gold standard when it comes to pure speed WRs. He will seemingly fit like a glove with HC **Dirk Koetter**'s Four Verticals attack. Among qualifying receivers, Jackson led all receivers in yards (579) on passes thrown 20+ yards downfield in 2016. Not only will Jackson provide a much needed deep-threat for up-and-coming QB **Jameis Winston**, it will also take a ton of pressure off of **Mike Evans**. Passing offenses are always looking for dynamic duos and Evans-Jackson is about as complimentary as we can think of. Injuries have been an issue for D-Jax at times, and he'll probably be hit-or-miss, as usual, but he'll be in the WR3 conversation when he's on the field, especially in non-PPR formats.

37. MIKE WALLACE (BAL, 31)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Wallace had his first 1000-yard season since his time in Pittsburgh back in 2011, but his season still felt somewhat underwhelming. The move to Baltimore definitely revitalized his career, but it still felt like **Joe Flacco** underutilized Wallace's vertical speed. Flacco didn't take advantage of Wallace nearly enough in 2016 because he was too busy checking passes down to the likes of **Dennis Pitta**, which was very uncharacteristic for the big-armed QB. Wallace is theoretically a great fit with Flacco for the future since he has a huge arm and he's been an aggressive downfield thrower in the past. He finished with 72/1017/4 receiving on 117 targets (61.5% catch rate, 14.1 YPR) in 16 games. He averaged 12.6 FPG, tying for 30th at the position with **Tyreek Hill**. He played on 77% of the snaps, saw an 18.0% target share, and had 9.51% of the team's touches. Wallace came out scorching hot with 3 TDs in his first two games, but had just 1 score in his final 14 games. He's been a boom-or-bust fantasy option in the past, but he was more of a consistent option this season, scoring between 8-14 FPs in nine games and having 3+ catches in 15 games. He also had 50+ receiving yards in 10 straight games from Weeks 5-15. Flacco threw way too many short passes in 2016, and with a full offseason to examine what went wrong, we think the Ravens will come out this year attacking downfield with Wallace and Perriman.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Wallace quietly had his first 1000-yard campaign since all the way back in 2011, when it was a real debate if Wallace was the Steelers best WR over **Antonio Brown**. He played a lot better than most people will remember, getting his YPR back above 14 for the first time since that 2011 season. The Ravens have 201 vacated targets (29%) with **Steve Smith** retiring and **Kamar Aiken** leaving in free agency, so Wallace should be quite active again as the only proven WR on this roster. It's likely that Wallace is going to get washed under all the **Breshad Perriman** hype this summer, but there's a high probability that Wallace ends up being the better fantasy option. Wallace will likely be had at a reasonable ADP, and he'll have a great chance of coming through as a WR3/4. It's rare for a WR to have a career year at 31 years old, but Wallace has a legit chance of doing it. He's had a pretty consistent career, and with an early ADP of 115 (WR43), he's a solid value.

38. MARTAVIS BRYANT (PIT, 25)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The NFL suspended Bryant in March 2016 for a minimum of one season for violating the league's substance-abuse policy with six failed drug tests. The 25-year-old WR ended up spending his lost season training and working as an assistant high school football coach out in Nevada. The Steelers really struggled at times in the red zone, and they could've really used Bryant's huge frame (6'4", 211 pounds) down by the goal line in 2016 (he has 14 receiving TDs in 21 games). The Steelers never had a WR step up as the #2 WR across from **Antonio Brown** in 2016, but Bryant has certainly shown he's capable of being a difference-maker when he's been on the field.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Bryant left the Steelers high and dry with his suspension last season, and his absence really hurt this passing attack, which didn't look the same without his downfield presence. He's set to rejoin the team in 2017, barring any more failed drug tests, and he should instantly grab his old starting job opposite **Antonio Brown**. He's in a great situation to succeed with one of the league's best deep-ball throwers in **Ben Roethlisberger**, and he can make big plays with ease. Speedster **Sammie Coates** is in the mix since the last time we saw Bryant, but there's no one in the entire league quite like Bryant with his blend of elite speed and size (6'4", 211 pounds). Obviously, Bryant is a bit of a boom-or-bust option because he's one strike away from being suspended again. But, he also has the potential to be a fantasy stud as a WR2 if he can slide right back into his old role. He's not cheap, with an early ADP around 55-60 (WR28).

39. JORDAN MATTHEWS (PHI, 25)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: For the second consecutive season, Matthews was the Eagles' best WR, which was an inherent issue for Philly. Matthews is by no means a bad player, but he's predominantly a slot mismatch guy and has struggled to win on the outside. That type of player goes best with at least some level of dynamic ability on the perimeter. In 14 games—missing two with an ankle injury life—JMatt posted 73/804/3 receiving on 113 targets (11.0 YPR, 64.6% catch rate). At 12.2 FPG, he tied for 38th among WRs. Matthews' best overall game of the year came in Week 1, when he hauled in 7/114/1 on 14 targets, including **Carson Wentz**'s first career TD pass. It was the only time Matthews would top 90 yards receiving all year. Once more he finished as a top-10 WR, but just twice on the season was he even a top-12 PPR WR. What's more, he ranked as a top-24 WR just four times. Part of this, of course, was the fact that he was playing with a rookie QB. But Matthews still struggled with drops, which have been a consistent issue for him in his career, and when the Eagles attempted to move him outside, he just didn't play with consistency.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Matthews has been miscast as a #1 WR for the Eagles the last two years, and he'll slide back into a better role this season

as a complementary option behind outside WR **Alshon Jeffery**. J-Matt should still be a big part of this passing game, but a lot of his fantasy value has been tied to volume the last two years, and that same volume won't be there this season with the Eagles significantly upgrading at receiver. He averaged 8.1 targets/game last season, which is likely to go down this season with Jeffery and **Torrey Smith** in the mix. Matthews averaged just 11.0 YPR last season and 11.9 YPR for his career, so a drop in targets will hurt his fantasy value. He should still be a solid WR3/4 in PPR formats, but he won't offer much upside unless Jeffery struggles with injuries once again, which he's been known to do early in the season throughout his career. At least Matthews is affordable with an early ADP of 100 (WR44).

40. JOHN BROWN (ARI, 27)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: One of 2015's breakout stars in the NFL's most efficient passing offense, the common thought was that the electric deep threat Brown was due for an even bigger—or at least equally as big—2016. But Brown played in 15 games, and wasn't targeted in two of those 15, and managed just 39/517/2 receiving on 69 targets (13.3 YPR, 56.5% catch rate) the year after going over 1000 yards receiving. He averaged 6.9 FPG, which ranked him tied for 87th among WRs. Brown went catchless in three games, had just 1 catch in five more, and ranked as a top-24 WR just three times. In all, he played just 56.4% of the Cardinals' offensive snaps when active, and couldn't even hold down a full-time role when **Michael Floyd** got released.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Brown's role this season will likely hinge on his health after he had multiple health issues in 2016. If he can get back to his 2015 self, he'll be the top option on the outside and a vertical threat for **Carson Palmer**. If he struggles with his health again, he could be reduced to a part-time player for the second straight year. The Cardinals had one of the better WR trios not too long ago, but **Michael Floyd** is gone and Palmer desperately needs a healthy Brown at his disposal because **J.J. Nelson**, **Jaron Brown**, and **Chad Williams** are nothing more than rotational options behind him. Brown is a bit of a boom-or-bust candidate with the uncertainty surrounding his health, but with an early ADP around 115 (WR46), he has a chance to settle in as a nice fantasy value if he can get back to his old ways with plenty of targets up for grabs.

41. RISHARD MATTHEWS (TEN, 27)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: After inarguably having a career-year in 2016, Matthews will be an interesting WR2/3 to put a price on in 2017. He smashed previous career-highs in Tennessee, going for 65/954/9 en route to a WR23 (points per game) finish. For context, Matthews 13.31 PPR points/game was the 3rd-best season a Titans' receiver has owned since **Kenny Britt** (15.73) in 2010 and **Nate Washington** (14.06). What's more, Matthews 0.480 fantasy points per route run in 2016 was the 2nd-best rate for Tennessee wide receivers over the past six years and was actually the 8th-best rate among qualified receivers in 2016 alone.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Titans clearly saw their WR depth as their biggest weakness heading into 2017, and they addressed it by drafting **Corey Davis** and **Taywan Taylor** in the first and third rounds, respectively. The decision to go WR heavy in the draft wasn't necessarily an indictment on Matthews, but they clearly view him as more of a complementary piece to eventual #1 WR Davis. "Eventual" is the key word, as Davis could be the top dog from Week 1 or it could a season or two. Matthews will be relied upon heavily until Davis is ready to make a big impact, and he should stay pretty involved even when the rookie becomes the top target, especially if Davis starts getting the tougher CB matchups. Matthews with an ADP around 100 (WR43) should be a rock-solid fantasy bench option who could quietly sneak into the WR3 conversation once again this season.

42. MARVIN JONES (DET, 27)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Jones looked like one of the best WRs in football during the first month of the season, leading the league in receiving yards (408) and leading all WRs with 70.8 FPs through three weeks. He kept afloat through Week 7, but he faded when opponents started to consistently jam him at the line of scrimmage. He hit 10+ FPs just twice in his final eight games from Week 8-17. **Golden Tate** eventually took over as the top receiver here, and Jones saw 43.9% of his receiving yards and 40.8% of his FPs come in the first three weeks of his season. He finished the year with 55/930/4 receiving on 103 targets (53.4% catch rate, 16.9 YPR) in 15 games, missing a game to a thigh injury. Jones averaged 11.5 FPG, tying **Sterling Shepard** for 43rd at the position. He played on 91% of the snaps, saw a 17.9% target share, and had 7.98% of the team's touches. Jones wasn't happy with the way his season ended, but he's basically been the same player the last three seasons. He brings a little bit of juice downfield, and he's a solid route runner to do some damage as an outside receiver. Jones is a solid #2/3 WR, but he showed in 2016 that he's not dynamic enough to be a #1 WR.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: It took a little bit of time last season, but QB **Matthew Stafford** and OC **Jim Bob Cooter** eventually realized that **Golden Tate** was their #1 option in the passing game, with Jones better off in a complementary role like he was in Cincinnati to **A.J. Green**. Marvin cooled off significantly after an explosive start last season as opposing teams started to jam him at the line of scrimmage and he had some inexplicable drops. He won't be a hot commodity in drafts this summer because of his lethargic end to 2016. Still, there are 148 vacated targets in this offense (25%)—if **Anquan Boldin** doesn't return—so there's a touch of upside for a guy who averaged 16.9 YPR last year. Jones isn't meant to be a high-volume receiver, but he's an acceptable WR3/4 if the matchup is right, and his ADP isn't prohibitive at all (115, WR49).

43. COREY DAVIS (TEN, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Davis is the top small-school prospect in the draft and for good reason. He has great size at 6'3", 209 pounds and he's a little more explosive than fellow top WR **Mike Williams**. But Davis is slightly smaller and doesn't play as big—he loses out on some contested catches. Davis is a polished route runner coming into the league, and he knows how to create separation with his quickness and hands. He's excellent at high-pointing passes and shows complete concentration around the sidelines, which helped him dominate in the red zone. Davis lined up all over the field, including out of the slot, and he ran a full route tree. He can create some extra yardage after the catch with a just a little bit of space, but he's not explosive enough to create game-breaking plays. He's not going to be known as a vertical threat, but he can work CBs to get them on his hip, and he's excellent at tracking deep passes. Davis was heavily used in the Broncos offense, and he had more focus drops as his career went along. We think he compares the most to **Keenan Allen** because of their route running and size, and he might be a slightly more dynamic athlete.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Davis joins a rising Titans offense with young, franchise QB **Marcus Mariota**. It shouldn't take him long to become the top receiver in this offense, jumping ahead of WR **Rishard Matthews** and syphoning some targets away from TE **Delanie Walker**. Davis' ankle injury combined with Mariota's recovery from a broken leg suffered late last season does put a bit of a damper on his outlook for 2017 since they'll have limited time to work together this summer. The jump in competition could also be a small issue at the start of Davis' career, but he's a polished enough product to start right away on the outside with the potential to be a fantasy WR3 as a rookie. He's the best overall WR prospect in this year's class, and he eventually could develop into a fringe WR1 fantasy

option playing with the ascending Mariota. But for now, with an ADP around 75 (WR36), he seems a tad overvalued for 2017.

44. ADAM THIELEN (MIN, 27)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Thielen won plenty of fantasy championships in Week 16 for any owners that were bold enough to use him. He posted a ridiculous 12/202/2 receiving against the Packers, good for the 3rd-best fantasy game of the year (44.6 FP) behind only **Le'Veon Bell** in Week 14 (51.8) and **Julio Jones** in Week 5 (48.0). Thielen's impressive Week 16 performance capped a breakout season for the third-year UDFA WR out of Minnesota State-Manakato. He fell 33 yards of becoming the first Viking to hit 1000 receiving yards since **Sidney Rice** did it all the way back in 2009. Thielen finished with 69/967/5 receiving on 92 targets (75.0% catch rate, 14.0 YPR) in 16 games. He averaged 12.5 FPG, tying with **Allen Robinson** for 32nd at the position. He played on 75% of the snaps, saw a 15.9% target share, and had 9.14% of the team's touches. Thielen averaged an impressive 2.14 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.93. He led the team with 16 plays of 20+ yards, and according to Pro Football Focus, Thielen led all NFL WRs by catching 70.4% of his deep targets despite playing in an offense allergic to throwing downfield with **Sam Bradford** constantly under siege. He had a particularly strong finishing kick for his fantasy owners—which coincided with a **Stefon Diggs** swoon—scoring 10+ FPs in seven of eight games in Weeks 9-16.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Thielen played a much bigger role in 2016 than anyone would've expected after the Vikings drafted **Laquon Treadwell** in the 1st round last spring. Treadwell has made progress in Year 2 and could push for more playing time in training camp, but Thielen is probably still locked in as the #2 WR and as the top outside threat entering the season with **Stefon Diggs** locked into the slot. Treadwell would need to take a gigantic leap in the preseason to jump over Thielen in 2-WR sets to begin the season, especially since the Vikings gave him $11 million guaranteed this offseason as a restricted free agent. Thielen is setting up to be a worthy late-round flyer in fantasy drafts, and he could be an even more dangerous downfield threat if the atrocious Vikings O-line improves just a little bit in 2017. There's not much downside to trying him out around 115-120 overall (WR50).

45. DEVANTE PARKER (MIA, 24)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Parker is dripping with talent in his long, 6'3" frame, which is why the Dolphins took him #14 overall back in 2015. It's also why plenty of fantasy owners targeted him as a breakout player last summer. He was about the 30th WR off the board in fantasy drafts, and it was natural to compare him to **Alshon Jeffery** with **Adam Gase** taking over the offense after a short stay in Chicago. Parker didn't quite live up to the hype and had yet another rollercoaster campaign in his second season. He finished with 14+ FPs in five games and had 5 FPs or less in five games. He finished with 56/744/4 receiving on 87 targets (64.4% catch rate, 13.3 YPR) in 15 games. He averaged 10.3 FPG, ranking him 53rd at the position, just behind teammate **Kenny Stills**. He played on 82% of the snaps, had an 18.6% target share, and saw 8.42% of the team's touches.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Parker is clearly loaded with talent, and he'll once again be a sexy fantasy pick for the second straight summer because of his potential to be a dominant outside WR. But it was pretty telling that the organization gave **Kenny Stills** $20 million guaranteed at the start of free agency, this coming shortly after HC **Adam Gase** called out Parker's work ethic. The Dolphins seem to be growing tired of their enigmatic receiver, and it's now up to Parker to take the final step to become a consistent force outside the numbers and down the field. The good news is the light bulb appears to be turned on this year, and he was better in all areas during the offseason. There's always a chance Parker will be a fantasy disappointment, but his early ADP of 90 (WR40) is fair for a guy with his upside. Parker is the prototype for a dominant X receiver, and that light bulb may stay on in Year 3 to and push him to become a WR2/3.

46. KENNY BRITT (CLE, 28)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Given how disastrous the Rams' season was from an overall standpoint, it's amazing that Britt—a long-forgotten player whose talent had always outweighed his production—managed to put together a career year. In 15 games, Britt posted 68/1002/5 receiving on 111 targets (14.7 YPR, 61.3% catch rate). At 13.2 FPG, he tied for 25th at the WR position. Britt had nine games as a top-36 WR, five of which were as a top-24 WR. He hauled in at least 4 passes in 12 of 15 games, and had 10 or more FPs in PPR formats in 10 of 15 games. Unfortunately for Britt, as with the rest of the Rams' offense, his production took a dip when **Jared Goff** took over as QB. Britt was the #21 overall WR with 14.6 FPG in **Case Keenum**'s nine starts, but was tied for 40th with 11.2 FPG in Goff's seven starts. Obviously, he wasn't useless by any stretch, but even Britt's numbers fell off when the QB situation in Los Angeles went from bad to worse. Overall, Britt's ability to weather that ridiculous storm—plus the incompetent coaching of **Jeff Fisher**—was impressive.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Britt has turned his career around after he nearly fell out of the league after five years in Tennessee. He had a pretty amazing season in 2016 all things considered, and he may actually get more consistent QB play in Cleveland with **Cody Kessler**. Britt has very little competition for targets outside of **Corey Coleman**, with the Browns breaking in raw rookie TE **David Njoku**. They also don't have a viable NFL-caliber WR behind Britt and Coleman heading into training camp. Britt should see plenty of volume in 2017, especially with the Browns potentially playing from behind most weeks. He's also averaged 14+ YPR in his last three seasons and in six of his eight campaigns, so he could easily be in the WR3 conversation with his big-play ability and volume combined. There's nothing wrong with his early ADP of 130 (WR53).

47. ERIC DECKER (NYJ, 30)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Jets season quickly went downhill after they lost Decker after just three games to shoulder and hip injuries. Decker looked well on his way to another double-digit TD season, scoring in the first two games before injuring his shoulder in Week 2. He tried to play through his torn rotator cuff injury in Week 3, and the Jets eventually placed him on the IR before Week 6. **Ryan Fitzpatrick** and the Jets QBs clearly missed Decker, especially in the red zone and in the middle of the field out of the slot last season.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Decker is coming off two major surgeries to his hip and shoulder, so his health is the #1 concern for him heading into the 2017 season. His QB situation is also absolutely terrible for this season with **Josh McCown** leading the way, but he's by far the best option the Jets have at receiver. He could be fed the rock if he's close to 100% health, and the Jets could be one of the worst teams in the league, which means plenty of garbage-time opportunities. For now, Decker looks like a WR4 with his health a bit in limbo. If Decker looks completely healthy in the preseason, he's a receiver who will get a boost up our rankings into the WR3 conversation, but early on we saw him as overvalued with an ADP around 90 (WR39).

48. TAVON AUSTIN (LAR, 26)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: It's getting harder and harder to be a Tavon truther these days. While we still maintain that Austin is a better player than the numbers indicate, and he's been held down by bad coaching, he remains a frustrating fantasy player at best, and a useless one at worst.

In 15 games, Austin posted 58/509/3 receiving on 104 targets (8.8 YPR, 55.7% catch rate). He added 28/159/1 rushing (5.7 YPR) to rank tied for 60th among WRs in PPR formats with 9.9 FPG. First, let's take a look at the cons. Austin averaged an absolutely hideous 4.89 YPT, and averaged just 1.22 FPs/target. Among WRs with 50 or more targets, only **Philly Brown** and **Jermaine Kearse** were worse. It's amazing that a receiver who typically does his damage on screens and quick routes would only haul in 55.7% of his targets, but that happened with Austin. Certainly, poor QB play is to blame on some level, and perhaps a big level, but Austin has now spent four years in the NFL playing with many different QBs... and he has continued to be one of the least-efficient players at his position throughout that tenure. He actually had two top-12 WR weeks on the year, more than any other Ram receiver, including the more consistent and efficient **Kenny Britt**.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Rams have too many inside WR types between Austin, **Robert Woods**, **Cooper Kupp**, and **Pharoh Cooper**. New HC **Sean McVay** will likely try to transform Austin into a lesser version of his old WR **DeSean Jackson**. That means the Rams will try to play him more on the outside, which he's struggled to do in his career at his diminutive size (5'8", 176 pounds). The good news is that he'll be playing under a coaching staff that actually has a clue about how to scheme in the NFL, so Austin will have a better chance to produce on his 1st-round talent. This will truly be a telling season for Tavon. If he can't produce under McVay, or at least show strong signs of potential, then Austin will no longer be able to hide behind the incompetence of bad coaching. He's a true buy-low candidate for fantasy, who at least has a small glimmer of hope for finally breaking out. He's also a free pick with an ADP hovering around 200 (WR73). That ADP will go up, but he's a lock to be very cheap no matter what.

49. ZAY JONES (BUF, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Jones comes from a football family. His dad won three Super Bowl as a LB with the Cowboys in the 90s, and his uncle **Jeff Blake** played QB for 14 years. No player helped himself more in the pre-draft process than Jones. Prior to the pre-draft process, he was thought of as just a product of the pass-heavy East Carolina scheme, which also helped **Justin Hardy** put up gaudy numbers. Jones has proven to be much more athletic than his former teammate, and he eased any concerns about his speed and quickness at the Combine, posting a 4.45 in the 40-yard dash and elite times in the 20-yard (4.01) and 60-yard (11.17) shuttle runs. He also had one of the top broad jumps at 11'1" and a solid 36½" vertical. He consistently beat defenders with his speed over the top during the Senior Bowl week. He's dangerous in the short to intermediate areas out of the slot, but he can also work on the outside. His athleticism doesn't always show up on tape, but he was forced to run a high number of screens and short passes in the East Carolina offense. He's a savvy route runner and was asked to create quite a bit after the catch in college. He averaged just 11.1 YPR last season because he caught so many passes at the line of scrimmage. Jones wasn't used a ton downfield in ECU's offense, but he won in contested-catch situations and was good at high-pointing passes over defenders. He does have a pretty thin frame at 6'2", 201 pounds, and he struggles to get off press coverage at times. Jones has the ability to work on the outside, but he's probably better off working as the big slot in an offense, a lot like **Jordan Matthews**.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Jones wasn't expected to be one of the elite athletes at WR in this year's class, but he locked himself in as a Day 2 pick because of his pre-draft performances. He landed in an ideal spot to make an immediate impact as the #2 WR behind **Sammy Watkins**, bringing more athleticism to **Robert Woods**' old spot out of the slot and as a Z receiver. Jones could also become the #1 guy in this offense quickly after the Bills declined to pick up Watkins' fifth-year team option for 2018. Of course, this Bills offense isn't a high-volume passing attack with **Tyrod Taylor** in charge, but Jones should see enough targets to be a fringe WR3 in PPR formats as a rookie. And given Watkins' lengthy injury history, Jones has some upside if he becomes the #1 target for a stretch of time next season. Of course, Jones missed some valuable time this offseason nursing a knee injury, so he'll need to be healthy this summer. The good news is his early ADP of 165, while set to rise in the preseason, was low.

50. JEREMY MACLIN (KC, 29)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: 2016 was a year to forget for Maclin. He played in 12 games, and he never really made an impact for fantasy. He posted just 44/536/2 receiving on 76 targets (12.2 YPR, 57.9% catch rate) to average 9.1 FPG, which tied him for 69th at the position. It was, by every measure possible, Maclin's worst season in the NFL. Maclin's only finish as a top-24 WR on the season came in Week 1, when he ranked 18th at the position based on the strength of the Chiefs playing from behind for the majority of the game. Maclin's season-high in yardage was 82, and though he had games with 15 and 10 targets, he never caught more than 6 passes in a game. Combine that with only 2 TDs, and you have a recipe for one awful season. Maclin averaged just 0.17 FPs/snap (league average of 0.22), so despite playing a team-high 81.8% of snaps when active, he just didn't have much impact. Perhaps the injury had something to do with it, but his inefficient year serves in stark contrast to that of rookie **Tyreek Hill**.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Maclin is still the top option on the outside for the Chiefs, but TE **Travis Kelce** and WR **Tyreek Hill** developed into the more dynamic weapons last season. Maclin doesn't have a lot of competition for targets behind him on the outside, but he's not guaranteed to be active every week. Staying healthy has always been a concern for him, and he needs to remain close to 100% if he wants to regain fantasy relevance in 2017. The offense does seem to be getting more aggressive and he's still a quality all-around receiver, so there's potential for him to develop back into a WR3/4 if he can stay close to full health. At least his ADP of 115 (WR48) is acceptable.

51. ROBERT WOODS (LAR, 25)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Woods was one of the shakier #2 WRs in the league, and the Bills were really undermanned when Woods had to become the de facto top receiver with **Sammy Watkins** out with his foot injury. Woods actually led the Bills with 613 receiving yards, but he ranked a measly 71st in the league. He finished with 51/613/1 receiving on 76 targets (67.1% catch rate, 12.0 YPR) in 13 games. He averaged 9.1 FPG, tying him for 65th at the position with **Jeremy Maclin** and **Eddie Royal**. Woods averaged just 1.59 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.93. He topped 10+ FPs just four times, so he wasn't much of a fantasy difference-maker. However, he did rank 33rd at the position in Weeks 3-11 with Watkins out of the lineup, averaging 12.8 FPG and posting 37/463/1 receiving in seven games. He played on 72% of the snaps, had a 16.5% target share, and saw 7.62% of the team's touches. He didn't play well off the injury in his final four games of the season, totaling just 9/120 receiving in that span.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Woods got $15 million guaranteed to return to his hometown, a hefty price tag for a guy who's averaged 43.0 yards per game since joining the league four years ago. He was stuck in Buffalo's low-volume passing offense, but he's getting a massive quarterback downgrade from **Tyrod Taylor** to **Jared Goff**. At least he should see a nice bump in targets as the potential #1 WR, stepping out of the shadow of **Sammy Watkins**. Woods did run about half of his routes from the slot in 2016, but we're guessing new HC **Sean McVay** hand-picked him to play

on the outside since the Rams have plenty of inside WR types. The Rams lost 55% of their targets (296) from last year, and Woods should be an active possession receiver for his young QB, putting him in the WR3/4 conversation. With an ADP of 185 (WR66), he could be a nice and cheap PPR producer.

52. COREY COLEMAN (CLE, 23)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The #15 overall pick had a difficult first season, but he certainly wasn't totally to blame for his woes playing with some of the worst QBs in football. He also broke his hand in practice after his best game of the season in Week 2 (5/104/2 receiving), which ended up costing him six games and it snapped some early season momentum—his two best yardage games came in Weeks 1-2. His hand injury allowed **Terrelle Pryor** to clearly become the #1 WR in the offense. Coleman ended up posting 33/413/3 receiving on 73 targets (45.2% catch rate, 12.5 YPR) in 10 games and averaged 9.3 FPG, tying him with **Jeremy Kerley** for 62nd at the position. He played 87% of the snaps when healthy, saw a 12.9% target share, and had 12.48 of the team's touches. Coleman averaged a measly 1.30 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.93—thanks in large part to his dreadful 45.2% catch rate, which wasn't helped by his QB play. He did get to show off his elite speed a few times in 2016, but not nearly enough, and he'll work to become a more complete WR in 2017.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Even with the Browns bringing in **Kenny Britt** in free agency, HC **Hue Jackson** declared Coleman "the guy" in this passing game heading into the season. He'll certainly need to make some strides in his second season after he posted a shaky 45.2% catch rate and averaged just 12.5 YPR as a deep threat. Coleman is certainly talented enough as the #15 overall pick in 2016, and he'll have very little competition for targets outside of Britt. The Browns will be breaking in raw rookie TE **David Njoku**, and they don't have a viable NFL-caliber WR behind Britt and Coleman heading into training camp. The Browns opened up 134 targets (23%) this offseason, and Coleman and Britt are the clear beneficiaries. Coleman should average 8+ targets per game and the talent is certainly there for him to have a break-out campaign as a WR3. He won't be incredibly cheap, though. With an ADP around 80 (WR38), he'll have to make a nice jump and stay healthy to deliver on his draft position.

53. RANDALL COBB (GB, 27)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Cobb has been just an above average receiver the last two seasons, and he's only come through for fantasy in one of the last four years (2014). He's also now clearly the #3 WR in this offense behind **Jordy Nelson** and **Davante Adams**. Cobb ranked as the #12 fantasy WR through Week 7, hitting 12+ FPs in five of his first six games before a hamstring forced him to miss a game and slowed him down after that. Cobb didn't reach 12+ FPs in his final seven regular season games during Weeks 9-15. However, Cobb did play well in the playoffs after missing Weeks 16-17 with his ankle injury, posting 18/260/3 receiving for a 20.7 FPG average. He finished the year with 60/610/4 receiving on 84 targets (71.4% catch rate, 10.2 YPR) in 13 games, missing time because of ankle and hamstring injuries. Cobb averaged 11.7 FPG, ranking 41st at the position behind **Cole Beasley**. He played on 76% of the snaps, saw a 13.6% target share, and had 8.63% of the team's touches. He will be just 27 years old next season, but he hasn't been dynamic out of the slot the last two years, averaging 10.4 YPR compared to his 14.1 average in 2013-14.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Cobb's role in this offense diminished last season with WR **Davante Adams** breaking out, and now TE **Martellus Bennett** is in town to take away some of his targets in the middle of the field. He saw his targets dip to just 6.4 per game when he played last year, and his YPR has been alarmingly low the last two seasons (10.2 and 10.5) after he topped 14+ YPR in three of his first four seasons. Cobb has been fantasy relevant when he's been at peak physical condition, but his small frame has been breaking down too much lately, which makes him more of a WR4 heading into this season. His name is likely keeping his ADP high (80 ADP, WR37), but we wouldn't consider taking him that high since he's merely PPR depth at this point.

54. BRESHAD PERRIMAN (BAL, 23)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Perriman's career is off to a slow start, but at least he got it off the ground in his second season. He returned for the final preseason game and he played in all 16 games, which is a great sign after a shaky first 14 months as a Raven. He finished with 33/499/3 receiving on 66 targets (50.0% catch rate, 15.1 FPG), averaging 6.3 FPG in 16 games. He played 43% of the snaps and had a 9.9% target share. Perriman averaged just 1.58 FPs per target—the league average for the position was 1.93. He reached 4+ catches just once, but it did come in the final game when they were taking a longer look at him with their playoff hopes eliminated. We were big fans of Perriman coming out of UCF because he had the size (6'2", 215 pounds) and speed of your prototypical outside WR, and he certainly flashed his playmaking ability at times in 2016. **Joe Flacco** didn't take advantage of Perriman nearly enough in 2016 because he was too busy checking passes down to the likes of **Dennis Pitta**. Still, Perriman is theoretically a great fit with Flacco for the future since he has a huge arm and he's been an aggressive downfield thrower in the past. Flacco threw way too many short passes in 2016, and with a full offseason to examine what went wrong, we think the Ravens will come out next season attacking downfield with Perriman and Wallace.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Ravens used kid gloves on Perriman last year in what was essentially his rookie season. He was merely a rotational deep threat and he didn't look nearly as explosive as he did in college, but he did average 15.1 YPR. This offseason, the Ravens decided to hand him a starting job with **Steve Smith** retiring and **Kamar Aiken** leaving in free agency. The Ravens have 201 targets vacated from last season (29%), and Perriman is expected to be the biggest beneficiary. The big question now is if Perriman will be ready to take on such a huge role after a slow start to his career through two seasons. After last season, HC **John Harbaugh** said there were signs Perriman could be a #1 WR, and he'll get the chance starting this season. Perriman wasn't as explosive last year as he was in college, and is hardly a lock to break-out this season, but he's talented and there's a clear opportunity for him to do it. Best of all he's very affordable with an ADP around 135 (WR55).

55. COLE BEASLEY (DAL, 28)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Raise your hand if you predicted Beasley would lead the Cowboys in receiving in 2016. Beasley became **Dak Prescott**'s favorite chain mover, partially due to a lack of **Dez Bryant** who was dealing with injuries. Beasley was one of the most efficient receivers in football last year, posting 75/833/5 receiving on 98 targets (11.1 YPR, 76.5% catch rate). He averaged 11.8 FPG, which ranked him 42nd among WRs, though he took a hit late in the year when Dez was healthier, as he failed to post 10 FPs or more in five straight games to end the year, and in seven of the Cowboys' final 10 games. All in all, Beasley was a PPR option for fantasy who had a pretty safe floor, but overall a low ceiling. He finished as a top-36 WR six times, including five times as a top-24 WR, and once as a top-12 WR. Beasley caught 4 or more passes in 13 of 16 games, but averaged 15 or more YPR in just three games. And after a hot start in which he posted 10 or more FPs in six consecutive games to open the year, he did it just three times in the final 10 games of the year. But Beasley was way more valuable to the Cowboys in a real-life sense—the offensive line often gave Prescott plenty of time to throw, and Beasley is

a slippery receiver who is often able to work himself open when Prescott has time to survey the field. In many ways, Beasley plays a similar role as **Jason Witten**. They're both savvy receivers who know how to get open on third down. And for a guy who played just 57% of the Cowboys' snaps on the year, it's impressive that he led the team in receiving. At .31 FPs/snap, he was well above the league average of 0.18, so when he was on the field, he was making an impact.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Beasley quietly led the Cowboys in receiving, as he quickly got on the same page with **Dak Prescott**, catching 76.5% of his targets as the team's slot receiver. The Cowboys somewhat surprisingly drafted a Beasley replica in **Ryan Switzer** this spring, but he should be able to hold him off for at least this year. Expecting Beasley to lead the Cowboys in receiving again this season would be silly, especially since his production tailed off significantly in the last two months of the season. Beasley should be good for 4-6 catches each week, but he isn't going to score many TDs or do much after the catch, so he's looking like a WR4 in PPR formats. He's affordable around 150 overall (WR59).

56. JOSH DOCTSON (WAS, 24)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Doctson is a good all-around receiver, and he has a great combination of size and speed. Most impressively, he looks smooth in just about everything he does on the field. He's a great leaper, which helps him win plenty of contested passes in the air. He has good ball skills and strong hands at nearly 10 inches. Doctson can be dominant downfield with his acceleration to get on top of defenders, and he's able to extend and make difficult catches because of his lanky frame. Doctson might need to muscle up some at 6'2", 206 pounds, as there are concerns about him against press coverage. He has great sideline awareness and tracks the ball well over his shoulders. With his balls skills, body control, and leaping ability, it's not surprising that he was compared to **DeAndre Hopkins** coming out of college.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Doctson wasn't the best athlete in last year's WR class, but we liked his well-rounded skillset before an Achilles injury ended his season before it even took off. He has great scheme adaptability for the creative **Jay Gruden**, and he should get some short throws with run-after-catch opportunities this season. Doctson will likely start the season as a starting outside WR with **Terrelle Pryor**, and the two of them will battle it out for the 214 targets left behind (35% of team share) with **DeSean Jackson** and **Pierre Garçon** leaving in free agency. After the draft last year, Gruden compared Doctson to his former WR **A.J. Green**, and the versatile Doctson has the potential to be a fantasy stud down the road. A lost rookie season set back his development, but Doctson is a legit #1 WR talent when healthy, and he's now healthy and has looked good in spring workouts. He's a strong fantasy sleeper this season at a cheap ADP of 135 (WR54).

57. WILL FULLER (HOU, 23)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Fuller dropped 5/107/1, 4/104, 3/31, and 7/81/1 to start the year, but he fell off of the face of the earth during the remainder of his rookie season. Fuller started the year absolutely red-hot and had to battle through lower-leg injuries (hamstring) during the middle of the year. Even once he got fully healthy, Fuller had just 22, 42, 39, 24, 37, and 16 receiving yards in his final six contests. Fuller's speed gives him lid popping ability, but to really hit a consistent ceiling, he has to track the ball better in the air and catch routine passes with more regularity. Drops and inconsistent routes were one of Fuller's biggest knocks coming out of Notre Dame and those issues definitely made frequent appearances in his rookie campaign. It's worth wondering to what end Fuller's leg injuries hampered him, and there's no denying **Brock Osweiler**'s shoddy play crushed him on some weeks.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Fuller flashed enticing potential early in his rookie season, but he ultimately fell flat on his face, battling through leg injuries and terrible QB play from **Brock Osweiler**. The Texans brought in QB **Deshaun Watson** through the draft, and he should bring some consistency to this passing game. The problem is that Watson has never been a consistent downfield thrower, and he might not drive the ball downfield well enough for Fuller to make a ton of chunk plays this season. Fuller will still get some ideal matchups playing across from **DeAndre Hopkins** every week, but he's going to be a highly volatile fantasy option as a bench piece in non-PPR formats. The best format to own him will likely be in best-ball leagues because he's likely to go off a couple times in 2017, but predicting when they will happen could be difficult. He's almost a free pick, at least, with an ADP of 165 (WR62).

58. STERLING SHEPARD (NYG, 24)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: All in all, Shepard maintained solid fantasy value on the lower end as a rookie, and we think his season will overall go underappreciated if simply for the fact that the Giant offense in general was broken in 2016. In 16 games, Shepard posted 65/683/8 receiving on 104 targets (10.5 YPR, 62.5% catch rate). He finished tied for 44th among WRs with 11.5 FPG. Shepard was helped by a disproportionate number of his red-zone targets going for TDs—he saw just 13 targets inside the 20, but turned 6 into scores. Shepard had just one 100-yard game, all the way back in Week 2, which coincidentally was Shepard's only top-12 WR finish on the year (he was the only Giant WR to post one outside of **Odell Beckham**). More often, he was an excellent "lineup filler." He turned in a top-36 performance in nine different weeks, six of which were top-24 weeks. So if you started Shepard, there was a reasonable bet any given week that he was going to turn in a WR2 performance, which is pretty good overall for a rookie receiver playing with a struggling QB in **Eli Manning**. Shepard played 94.7% of the Giants' offensive snaps on the year, which actually led the team at the position, as New York ran 3-WR sets almost exclusively, and Shepard was predominantly the Giants' slot option. He saw at least 4 targets in all but one game (a bizarre Week 12 game in which he wasn't targeted), and he saw 7 or more targets in 10 of 16 games.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Giants weren't comfortable with having Shepard as the #2 receiver for a second straight year behind **Odell Beckham**, so they brought in **Brandon Marshall** and rookie TE **Evan Engram** to compete for targets. Shepard put up deceiving fantasy numbers because of an inflated TD-rate, scoring 12.5% of his catches (8 of 65), but he averaged just 10.5 YPR. He could be hard-pressed to reach triple-digit targets again this season with OBJ and Marshall likely soaking them up, and Engram could steal some of his thunder inside. He's going to have a hard time maintaining his WR3 status from last season, and he'll most likely be a fantasy bench piece. But, at least his ADP has been adjusted accordingly (125, WR52).

59. TED GINN (NO, 32)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Ginn's three best seasons (2013, 2015, and 2016) have all come with the Panthers. In fact, 48% of Ginn's career receiving yardage and 76% of his career receiving touchdowns have come in his three years in Charlotte. Among 78 qualifying receivers, Ginn finished last season ranked 12th in yards gained per target on throws traveling 20 or more yards in the air. He finished 2016 with 54/752/4 receiving on 95 targets (56.8% catch rate, 13.9 YPR) in 16 games. He averaged 10.2 FPG, ranking 54th at the position behind **DeVante Parker**.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Ginn is still an absolutely lethal deep-threat, and the Saints brought him in to replace the speed left behind by **Brandin Cooks**. Ginn isn't the direct replacement for Cooks because he's not close

to being a complete receiver. HC **Sean Payton** said this offseason that Ginn will be the Z receiver this season and that he's the "fastest player on the field" when he's in the game. Ginn is an ideal later-round pick in best-ball formats because he's going to go nuclear a couple times this season playing with QB **Drew Brees**. But good luck predicting when those huge games will develop, which makes him a frustrating fantasy asset in season-long formats. That's why he's so cheap (160 ADP, WR60).

60. KENNY STILLS (MIA, 25)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Stills stretched the field as a vertical threat in this run-heavy offense, making some big plays downfield off play-action passes. He finished with 42/726/9 receiving on 81 targets (51.9% catch rate, 17.3 YPR) in 16 games. He averaged 10.5 FPG, tying for 50th at the position with **Brandon Marshall** and ranking ahead of teammate **DeVante Parker**. Stills averaged an impressive 2.11 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.93—and he averaged 84% of the snaps and had a 17.5% target share. Stills led the team in TDs with 9 and ranked 3rd in the NFL in yards per reception (17.3) for players with 30+ catches, behind only **DeSean Jackson** and **Chris Hogan**. Even though he's been in the league for four seasons already, he'll still only be 25 years old next season, and he's averaging a healthy 16.7 yards per reception for his career.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Stills had a bounce-back 2016 season after a shaky first campaign with the Dolphins in 2015, proving to be a good fit in **Adam Gase**'s offense. Gase loves Stills' vertical speed, and they went above and beyond in free agency to keep him in Miami with $20 million in guaranteed money. Stills is averaging a healthy 16.7 yards per reception for his career, and he's a better route runner than most vertical threats. The move to keep Stills also indicates that the Dolphins aren't totally confident in **DeVante Parker** and last year's 3rs-round pick **Leonte Carroo**. Stills will still probably be a better real-life player than a fantasy player (again) because he stretches the field but competes for targets with Parker. He'll also likely continue to be a better non-PPR option because of his big-play ability, but he's more of a fantasy bench piece. His ADP of 175 (WR65) is very acceptable, though.

61. TYLER LOCKETT (SEA, 24)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: 2016 was supposed to be a breakout year for Lockett, but injuries just completely derailed his campaign. Lockett played in 15 games in 2016, but managed just 41/597/1 on 65 targets (14.6 YPR, 63.1% catch rate). He tied for 75th among WRs with 8.3 FPG. Lockett actually had two finishes as the #3 overall WR in 2016 (Week 13, Week 15), but they came late in the year when it seemed like no one could trust him. That's because overall, Lockett played just 56.1% of Seattle's snaps when active. For most of the year, he dealt with a painful PCL sprain in his knee, and then his season ended in Week 16 when he suffered a brutal broken fibula and tibia. The Seahawks never really got the deep threat production from Lockett they expected, and **Jermaine Kearse** was the worst WR in the NFL for fantasy on a per target basis.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Lockett had a frustrating second season, especially when it came to injuries. Lockett and his HC **Pete Carroll** are optimistic he'll be ready for Week 1, but it's certainly not a given because of the severity of his injury. He'll also have to contend with **Paul Richardson** for targets this season, a former 2014 2nd-round pick who started to emerge late last season when Lockett went down. Lockett isn't likely to get a lot of targets, but he'll be well in the mix here as long as he's healthy. He's certainly worth a look later in fantasy drafts to see if he can regain his play-making ways from his rookie season in 2015, but he's not exactly a bargain compared to several other solid late-round picks with an ADP of 140 (WR57).

62. QUINCY ENUNWA (NYJ, 25)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Heading into the 2016 season, we're guessing that nobody had Enunwa as the Jets leading receiver. That was the case, as he posted 58/857/4 receiving on 105 targets (55.2% catch rate, 14.8 YPR) in 16 games. Enunwa actually finished as the better fantasy WR over **Brandon Marshall**, averaging 10.6 FPG to rank 51st at the position—Marshall averaged 10.4. He played on 84% of the snaps, had a 19.6% target share, and saw 8.48% of the team's touches. Enunwa was forced into a much bigger role than anticipated because of **Eric Decker**'s season-ending shoulder injury, essentially taking over a lot of his responsibilities in this spread attack.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Snaps and targets will be up for grabs this season behind **Eric Decker**, and he's not even guaranteed to be at 100% by Week 1. Enunwa has a leg up on the competition (**ArDarius Stewart**, **Robby Anderson**, and **Chad Hansen**) for the #2 role since he at least had an extended run as a starter last season. Enunwa played a lot of slot in **Chan Gailey**'s old offense, and he expects to play more outside the numbers as an X receiver in 2017. Enunwa certainly isn't a sexy fantasy option, but he's averaged a surprising 14.7 YPR despite his size (6'2", 225 pounds). He could be a sneaky fantasy bench piece if he sees a lot of playing time on a team that could have plenty of garbage-time opportunities, and with an ADP of 170 he's only a last-pick-of-the-draft type.

63. ALLEN HURNS (JAC, 25)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: After a best-case scenario 2015 season (64/1031/10), Hurns struggled mightily in 2016. Prior to missing the final month of the season with a hamstring injury, he was passed on the target totem pole by **Marqise Lee** in the preceding weeks. Hurns caught just 4 of his 20 targets in Weeks 9-12 in a truly awe-inspiring **Blake Bortles**-induced stretch of play. Hurns was a respectable WR4 in his prior seven games, averaging 4 receptions and 63 yards, but everything attached to Blake Bortles has to catch literal fire at some point. Hurns averaged a career-worst 0.240 fantasy points per route run in 2016, one year after averaging 0.393 PPR points/route and finishing as the WR23 in points per game.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Jaguars gave Hurns a bizarre and hefty contract extension last summer, and he proceeded to disappoint them. He was banged up all year long, and he fell down the passing-game pecking order behind **Marqise Lee**. Hurns and Lee are expected to battle it out for targets again this season behind **Allen Robinson**, but the Jaguars may not have as many targets available if everything goes right this season—they had the 5h-most pass attempts at 626. The Jaguars are looking to run it more this season after drafting RB **Leonard Fournette** #4 overall, so Hurns' fantasy upside could be capped as he competes with Lee for targets. He's a deep fantasy pick with an ADP around 175, and with minimal upside most likely.

64. MIKE WILLIAMS (LAC, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Williams is the next in line of recent great Clemson WRs, following in the steps of **DeAndre Hopkins**, **Sammy Watkins**, and **Martavis Bryant**. Williams is a huge target at 6'3", 218 pounds, and he can create enough separation and dominate with his size at all three levels of the passing game. He isn't afraid to go over the middle and uses his huge frame to shield away defenders on slants. Williams plays like he's 240 pounds because he can't be knocked off the ball and it's tough for one defensive back to bring him down. He also goes up and get passes and has great body control, so he'll be great with a QB who isn't afraid to pull the trigger. Williams ran in the 4.5 range at his Pro Day, which is exactly what most wanted to see at his size. He's in good company with other big WRs who ran slower times who went on to succeed: **Michael Thomas** (4.57), **Alshon Jeffery** (4.48), **Dez Bryant** (4.52), and **Jordy**

Nelson (4.51). Williams had a slightly disappointing 32½" vertical and a solid broad jump (10'1"). He tracks the ball well downfield, which makes him a vertical threat despite his average speed. Williams isn't the most dynamic athlete at his size, and he could use a little more polish as a route runner. He has good hands and makes plenty of difficult catches with his huge catch radius, but he does have some focus drops and fumbles. We see a little bit of **Plaxico Burress** in Williams because of his pure length—he has the longest arms in this rookie WR class—and his ability to work at all levels of the field.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Chargers surprised most by taking Williams with the #7 overall pick. He'll have a tough path to fantasy stardom as a rookie because the Chargers have seven capable receivers for **Philip Rivers** to distribute passes to between Williams, **Keenan Allen**, **Tyrell Williams**, **Travis Benjamin**, **Dontrelle Inman**, **Hunter Henry**, and **Antonio Gates**. The Chargers will give Williams every chance to start right away on the outside as an X receiver, but we'll need to see how the roles shake out in training camp. If he can secure a significant role, he could be a fantasy WR3/4 playing with Rivers in 2017, but his draft status has his ADP too high for our tastes (105, WR45).

65. MARQISE LEE (JAC, 25)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: A legitimately improved player from his rookie season in almost every way, Lee finally started showing signs of life in 2016. A former top-40 pick in 2014, Lee was plagued by soft-tissue injuries during his first two professional seasons and was passed on the depth chart by Hurns and even the athletically deficient **Rashad Greene** in 2015. Despite **Blake Bortles** crumbling into a pile of rubble in 2016, Lee improved in every category this past year. After finally staying healthy for an entire year, Lee caught 4+ passes in 11-of-16 games in 2016 and was narrowly out-gained by standout receiver **Allen Robinson** (883 to 851). Now entering the final year of his rookie deal in 2017, Lee has a chance to prove he truly belongs in the NFL as a #2 receiver.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Lee had mini-breakout party in 2016, but he still scored only 3 TDs with a so-so 60% catch-rate. Thanks, **Blake Bortles**. Lee will still be behind top receiver **Allen Robinson** this year, and he'll have to contend with **Allen Hurns** for the 2nd-most targets after Hurns was in and out of the lineup last week. The Jaguars will also be looking to run the rock a lot more this season after they drafted RB **Leonard Fournette** #4 overall this spring—they had the 5th-most pass attempts at 626. Everything finally broke right for Lee in his third season, with his hamstrings finally cooperating and with plenty of targets available. Everything might have to break right for him again to equal his 63/851 receiving, so his fantasy upside could be capped. But if you're looking for legit talent very, very late, he'll be on the board 175+ picks into a draft.

66. KENDALL WRIGHT (CHI, 27)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: After missing the first three weeks with a hamstring injury, Wright simply didn't play enough to become a weekly factor in Tennessee's offense in 2016. Wright did have some monster games mixed in, but he was held below 25 yards receiving in 7-of-11 games and played only over 60% of the team's snaps once. Wright primarily operated from the slot when he was on the field, finishing the year running nearly 90% of his routes from the slot in 2016. Only **Jeremy Kerley** ran a higher percentage of his routes from the slot in 2016.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Titans couldn't wait to let Wright walk in the offseason, and Wright couldn't wait to get out of Nashville. He's a former 2012 1st-round pick, so the talent is obviously there, but he never really lived up to the hype outside of his 2013 campaign. The Bears aren't exactly loaded at WR since **Alshon Jeffery** left town, so Wright could come in and command targets out of the slot next to WRs **Cameron Meredith** and **Kevin White**. Wright's signing could push Meredith to the outside more in 3-WR sets, but Wright needs to prove he deserves to play over **Markus Wheaton**, who did get more money and years on his contract this offseason. They also added **Victor Cruz**, who signed with the team in late-May and could take up some targets as well. A change of scenery could be just what Wright needed since he has been injured and wasted by the Titans the last couple of seasons. He'll likely be their primary slot receiver, so he has some potential in deep PPR leagues. He's also getting zero love with an ADP well over 200 overall.

67. KEVIN WHITE (CHI, 25)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: White has had one of the more frustrating starts to his career as the #7 overall pick back in 2015. He finished with 19/187/0 receiving on 36 targets (52.8% catch rate, 9.8 YPR), averaging 9.7 FPG and playing on 79% of his snaps in four games. White averaged a pathetic 1.07 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.93.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: White's NFL career has been a complete and utter failure to this point, especially since the Bears took him #7 overall in 2015. Injuries have derailed his career early on, missing all of his rookie season and 12 games last season. He actually had an impressive 36 targets in four games in 2016, but his running looked lethargic and he had a pathetic 9.8 YPR and 52.8% catch rate. The good news is that the Bears let **Alshon Jeffery** walk this offseason, and they're going to give White and **Cameron Meredith** every opportunity to develop with rookie QB **Mitch Trubisky**. White is definitely a player to watch in training camp to see if his explosiveness from college returns (things weren't looking great in the OTAs, FYI). It's tough to expect much from White in 2017 because of his shaky track record in his first two years, and barring a surprise at this point he looks like a bust.

68. TYRELL WILLIAMS (LAC, 25)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Chargers had some horrendous luck with injuries last season, but perhaps their key one to WR **Keenan Allen** allowed a future star to break out. A second-year player out of Western Oregon, Williams entered 2016 with just 2 catches to his name. Well, it's a name everyone now knows. In 16 games, Williams posted 69/1059/7 receiving on 118 targets (15.3 YPR, 58.5% catch rate). At 13.6 FPG, he ranked 21st among WRs. By the end of the season, he was **Philip Rivers'** favorite target, and this was despite Williams playing through injuries. Williams had six games as a top-24 WR finisher, and three more as a top-36 finisher. He had three 100-yard performances and five more times scored a TD when he didn't have 100 yards receiving. In many ways, he did what we thought the Chargers signed **Travis Benjamin** to do—remember that Benjamin also dealt with injuries throughout the year. In all, Williams played 83.5% of the Chargers' offensive snaps, second among WRs (behind **Dontrelle Inman**). He earned himself a starting role this year, whether Allen is back healthy or not.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: **Keenan Allen**'s injury last season opened the door for Williams' breakout season as **Philip Rivers'** top target. Tyrell is extremely talented, and coming off a strong showing last year, but they didn't do him any favors by drafting outside WR **Mike Williams** in the 1st round. Tyrell is going to have a tough time matching his 83.5% snaps from last season now that Allen is healthy and with (Mike) Williams in the fold. The Chargers are going to be extremely multiple with their looks with all the weapons they have, and they'll likely use Keenan and Tyrell out of the slot at times to keep their best 3-WRs on the field. There are no guarantees that Allen can stay healthy for an extended stretch of time and that (Mike) Williams will be ready for a big role to start the year, so

Tyrell is worthy of a late-round flyer in drafts. He's not dirt cheap with an ADP of 145 (WR58), but he's hardly costly.

69. ARDARIUS STEWART (NYJ, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Stewart had a few things working against him in 2016, playing in a run-heavy offense with a dual-threat freshman QB (**Jalen Hurts**) across from the potential first WR selected in the 2018 draft (**Calvin Ridley**). He tested pretty middle of the road at the Combine, which wasn't a big surprise since he isn't a truly dynamic athlete. He ran a 4.49 in the 40-yard dash and had a leap of 10'4" broad jump, slightly above average marks. Stewart looks like he could play running back at 5'11", 204 pounds and he plays like one too, doing his best work with the ball in his hands by racking yards after the catch. He averaged a healthy 16 yards per catch last season, and he's one of best in this year's class once he gets the ball in his hands. He's more of straight-line runner than elusive, and he has room to grow with his breaks in and out of routes, but he showed a knack for finding holes in zone coverage. The Crimson Tide counted on him for big plays, serving as an occasional deep threat with just enough speed acceleration to separate from defenders. He uses his thick frame and strength to get open, and his body control helps him in contested-catch situations, although he's not going to win many jump balls. Stewart played all over the field at Alabama, but we think he projects best out of the slot for the future. We see a little bit of **Jarvis Landry** in Stewart because of his size and aggressive mentality after the catch.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Stewart comes to the league as a pretty complete player, which isn't surprising for an Alabama prospect playing in **Nick Saban**'s NFL factory. He is 23 years old, so he might not have the ceiling that some of the other 2017 WR prospects have, but he should be able to make an immediate impact in a Jets offense that is lacking at receiver. **Eric Decker** is their top weapon and coming off major hip and shoulder surgeries, and the other top WRs include underwhelming options in **Quincy Enunwa** and **Robby Anderson**. He projects best out of the slot, but the Jets could certainly ask him to line up outside since they have multiple options to play inside. Stewart is unlikely to ever be a true fantasy stud, but he should step into a fairly large role with the Jets and have some fantasy moments as a fantasy bench piece during his rookie season.

70. JOHN ROSS (CIN, 21)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Ross is an absolute burner who comes into the league with some durability questions. He set the Combine ablaze by smashing **Chris Johnson**'s 40-time record—a 4.22 run to best Johnson's old 4.24 time. He also put up great numbers in the vertical (37") and broad jumps (11'1"). Ross has been compared to **DeSean Jackson** because of his size (5'10", 188 pounds) and speed, and the two even struck up a relationship last summer when they worked out together in Los Angeles. He's also an impact kick returner, and the Washington coaches actually converted Ross to CB in the middle of the 2014 season after the team dismissed **Marcus Peters**, which says a lot about his athleticism. Ross not only kills defenders with his speed, he also excels at setting them up with double moves. He tracks deep passes well, and he runs so fast that he often times has to slow down for passes thrown behind him. He's a film rat, who shows a lot of savvy as a route runner and can beat press coverage off the line of scrimmage. Ross is surprisingly effective in the red zone despite his size, showing great hand-eye coordination on difficult catches. He's not the best in contested-catch situations because of his size, but he runs by so many defenders that it hasn't been a huge issue. He'll need to continue to improve his underneath and intermediate routes at the next level, but he's dangerous in those spots with the ball in his hands.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Ross didn't land in a great spot to make a huge fantasy impact right away. WR **A.J. Green** is a target hound, averaging double-digit looks a game in 2016, and TE **Tyler Eifert** is also heavily used when he's actually healthy. There are only 39 targets removed from the 2016 roster, so looks will be fairly hard to come by for Ross as a rookie. QB **Andy Dalton** has never been known as a prolific downfield thrower, which hurts Ross whose speed is one of his biggest strength. On the bright side, Ross should get one-on-one opportunities playing across from one of the league's best WRs in Green. While they aren't nearly as a talented, slot WR **Tyler Boyd** and outside WR **Brandon LaFell** are still around to potentially steal some snaps. Ross will make an impact for the Bengals offense next season as a vertical threat, which will likely put him in the WR4 conversation. He's likely better for non-PPR formats because he's more of a big-play receiver than a volume receiver, and his production could be volatile. He's affordable given his upside with an ADP around 140 (WR56).

71. J.J. NELSON (ARI, 25)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: In ways, Nelson served the role that we figured **John Brown** would have. Playing in 15 games, Nelson posted 34/568/6 receiving on 73 targets (16.7 YPR, 46.6% catch rate). He averaged 9.4 FPG, which ranked him 65th among WRs. In all, Nelson played just 43.4% of the Cardinals' offensive snaps, but that includes playing just 10 total snaps over the first five weeks of the regular season. Once it became evident that Brown's sickle-cell illness and **Michael Floyd**'s inconsistency (and off-field issues) wouldn't go away, Nelson got a bigger role later in the season. He had five finishes as a top-36 WR on the year, all from Week 7 on. He was also a particularly useful player in the fantasy playoff weeks, ranking as the #8, #26, and #13 WR in PPR formats in Weeks 14 through 16, respectively. Nelson's lone 100-yard performance came in Week 16, and that capped a streak of four straight games with a TD.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The stars aligned for Nelson to have a big role last season, with **John Brown** ailing, **Michael Floyd** disappointing, and **Jaron Brown** tearing his ACL. Floyd is out of the mix for 2017, but (John) Brown is reportedly in much better health heading into the season and ready to be the top outside WR. Nelson will likely be competing with (Jaron) Brown and **Chad Williams** for snaps opposite of (John) Brown. He averaged 16.7 YPR and had 6 TDs last season, so he has some non-PPR value as a rotational deep threat in this offense. And if (John) Brown's illness creeps up again, Nelson would be in line for an every-down role and even more fantasy relevance. That makes Nelson very much worth a late, late pick (180 ADP, WR67).

72. TAYLOR GABRIEL (ATL, 26)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: **Mohamed Sanu** was the least efficient Atlanta receiver by a good margin. **Julio Jones** posted his usual sterling efficiency, while Gabriel averaged a strong 0.546 fantasy points per route run. Sanu was near league-average in fantasy points per route run (0.330) while Jones and Gabriel finished 2nd and 4th among all receivers in fantasy points per route in 2016. Gabriel was a spark plug in Atlanta's offense. Granted, Sanu was a near full-time player—he played on 76% of Falcons' snaps compared to Gabriel's 42% snap rate—but Gabriel was the much-preferred #2 fantasy receiving option by the end of the year. Gabriel finished the fantasy regular season (Week 1-16) with six top-30 PPR performances while Sanu had just four. Despite Sanu nearly doubling Gabriel's snap rate on a weekly basis, Gabriel finished as the WR42 in per game PPR output while Sanu was a less-than-stellar 57th. Gabriel's average depth of target was 3.2 yards further downfield than Sanu's in 2016.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: One man's trash is another man's treasure. The Browns of all teams cut Gabriel at the end of training camp last summer, and by Week 8 Gabriel was making big plays left and right for the Falcons, turning himself into a viable WR3 in 2016. Gabriel had an impressive emergence as a rotational deep threat/gadget player last year, but he

played on just 41.8% of their snaps and was involved in only 6.5% of their plays. The Falcons will look to keep Gabriel involved with a few touches each week this season, but his window for fantasy success is small with his limited opportunities. We also can't forget that offensive genius **Kyle Shanahan** won't be drawing up the plays for Gabriel this year, as well. Gabriel should have a similar role this season, but he's going to be a highly volatile fantasy bench piece. He's at least very cheap in drafts, with an ADP around 190 (WR69).

73. MOHAMED SANU (ATL, 27)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: In his first year in Atlanta, Sanu posted a respectable 59/653/4 receiving line on 81 targets. Primarily running his routes from the slot, Sanu was banged up for a good portion of Atlanta's 2016 Super Bowl campaign. Sanu saw 5+ targets in just 7-of-15 contests and only gained 60+ yards just four times during the regular season. What's more, Sanu was the least efficient Atlanta receiver by a good margin. **Julio Jones** posted his usual sterling efficiency, while **Taylor Gabriel** averaged a strong 0.546 fantasy points per route run. Sanu was near league-average in FPs per route run (0.330) while Jones and Gabriel finished 2nd and 4th among all receivers in FPs per route in 2016. Sanu was a near full-time player—he played on 76% of Falcons' snaps compared to Gabriel's 42% snap rate. Gabriel finished the fantasy regular season (Week 1-16) with six top-30 PPR performances while Sanu had just four. Despite Sanu nearly doubling Gabriel's snap rate on a weekly basis, Gabriel finished as the WR42 in per game PPR output while Sanu was a less-than-stellar 57th. Gabriel's average depth of target was 3.2 yards further downfield than Sanu's in 2016.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Sanu quietly put together a solid season, but he didn't have many outstanding performances to put him on the fantasy radar—he topped 70+ yards just three times. He'll continue to see the most snaps at WR next to **Julio Jones**, but Sanu isn't a guy that needs to be heavily involved each week, especially with more dynamic options at **Matt Ryan**'s disposal. Sanu isn't likely to win any fantasy leagues in 2017, and he'll be the type of player you can pick up off the Waiver Wire as a bye-week fill-in or a deep PPR helper if you're looking for 4/45 receiving in a given week.

74. ELI ROGERS (PIT, 24)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Steelers receivers behind **Antonio Brown** certainly underwhelmed for the most part in 2016, but Rogers ended up emerging as the second-most reliable WR in what was essentially his rookie season—he missed all of 2015 because of a foot surgery. He ended the season on a nice little run from Weeks 15-17, posting 15/220/1 receiving and averaging 14.5 FPG (20th at the position). Rogers finished the year with 48/594/3 receiving on 66 targets (72.7% catch rate, 12.4 YPR) in 13 games. He missed two games with a turf toe injury, and he missed another game for unspecified disciplinary reasons. He went for 12+ FPs six times, but he also hit 6 FPs or less six times. Rogers averaged 9.7 FPG, ranking 59th at the position behind **Travis Benjamin**. He played on 63% of the snaps and had a 11.3% target share, behind only Brown at the position. When called upon by **Ben Roethlisberger**, Rogers proved to be a dependable slot receiver, but he's certainly not a special player.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Rogers came from relative obscurity last summer to finish as the #2 WR behind **Antonio Brown** last season. The Steelers, once loaded with WR depth, became extremely thin at the position thanks to **Martavis Bryant**' season long suspension and **Sammie Coates**'s disappearing act in the middle of last season. The Steelers will have Bryant back next season, and they added **JuJu Smith-Schuster** in the draft, so they're in a much better spot heading into this season. Rogers is definitely one of the lesser talents in this WR corps, but he's also the only true slot WR. If Martavis doesn't hit any snags in his return, Brown and Bryant are the clear top two WRs. That will leave Rogers, Smith-Schuster, and Coates to battle it out for snaps behind them in some sort of rotation. Rogers could have some low-end PPR value in deeper leagues, but he isn't going to offer much upside.

75. TYLER BOYD (CIN, 22)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Bengals plugged Boyd into the lineup as their slot receiver from Day 1, which was a slight disappointment since we thought he could potentially play inside and outside. Boyd's role didn't even change when **A.J. Green** went down for the season in the second half of the year, as the Bengals just plugged fellow rookie **Cody Core** into the lineup on the outside. He did quickly become a favorite of **Andy Dalton**'s on third downs, leading all rookies with 22 third-down catches. According to Cincinnati.com, among rookies he finished behind only **Sterling Shepard** with 16 first-down catches in third- and fourth-down situations. Still, Boyd did little after the catch and had way too many inconsistent patches, finishing under 5 FPs in a whopping seven games, which made him unusable for fantasy most of the time. He finished with 54/603/1 receiving on 81 targets (66.7% catch rate, 11.2 YPR) on 16 targets. He averaged just 7.9 FPG, ranking him behind the likes of **Terrance Williams** and **Kendall Wright**. Boyd played on 68% of the snaps and had a 15% target share, and he averaged just 1.58 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.93.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Boyd did just about what was expected of him as a rookie last season, with a solid 54 catches primarily out of the slot. If he can get better after the catch—he averaged only 11.2 YPR—he would have more juice for deeper PPR formats. The addition of 1st-round WR **John Ross** does hurt all the secondary receivers behind **A.J. Green** in this passing game, but Boyd could be the most insulated with his role as the slot receiver pretty locked in. Boyd certainly isn't going to win any fantasy leagues in 2017, but he could be a bye-week fill-in off the Waiver Wire or a deep PPR helper.

76. DEVIN FUNCHESS (CAR, 23)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: After posting a cumulative 54/844/9 receiving line through two years as a pro, the Panthers' and Funchess' fantasy truthers alike are still waiting for him to arrive. Somehow, Funchess managed to catch 0.3 fewer passes per game in 2016 versus his rookie year (1.94). What's more, Funchess' efficiency lagged behind his rookie year, too. Funchess averaged just 1.39 yards per route run in 2016 per PFF after averaging a semi-strong 2.04 yards/route in 2015. Funchess was asked to run 4.57 more routes per game in 2016, but he offered virtually unchanged production despite a slight change in year-over-year snap rate (45% in 2015; 48% in 2016).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Funchess didn't get the sophomore year bump in 2016, and he actually got worse with **Kelvin Benjamin** back in the mix, catching just 39.7% of his passes. The Panthers passing attack is under construction heading into 2017, as they're looking to help QB **Cam Newton** out with a shorter, more efficient passing game by drafting RB **Christian McCaffrey** and slot WR **Curtis Samuel** in the first two rounds. Heading into the season, Funchess could be the #5 receiver in this passing game behind **Greg Olsen**, Benjamin, McCaffrey, and Samuel. The Panthers also figure to continue to pound the rock, so Funchess is merely a guy to keep an eye on during the season.

77. TERRANCE WILLIAMS (DAL, 27)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Williams wasn't typically useful for fantasy, but overall he turned in a solid, efficient 2016 season with **Dak Prescott** at QB. In 16 games, Williams posted 44/594/4 receiving on 61 targets

(13.5 YPR, 72.1% catch rate). All in all, he averaged just 8.0 FPG, which ranked him tied for 79th among WRs. He finished as a top-36 WR in PPR just five times, and only two of those were top-24 performances. He never once finished as a top-12 PPR WR, even when **Dez Bryant** missed action (and Williams has been consistently better and more productive in his career without Dez). Williams' season-high of 88 receiving yards came in Week 3, and he still has just two 100-yard performances in his four-year career. Additionally, Williams' occasional bonehead mistakes and drops have made him a scapegoat for Cowboys fans over the last four years. Nonetheless, Williams had one of the more efficient seasons of any WR in 2016—among WRs with 50 or more targets, Williams finished 8th with 2.09 FPs/target, also leading the Cowboys in that department.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Williams has been one of the weaker #2 outside WRs the last few years, and that's unlikely to change this year. He did a solid job last year with a 72% catch rate, but he's not going to see a ton of volume as the #4 option in this passing game behind **Dez Bryant**, **Cole Beasley**, and **Jason Witten**. He'll continue to be a fringe fantasy option in non-PPR formats because he sees plenty of playing time and gets great matchups playing across from Bryant on the outside, but he rarely capitalizes on his opportunities with big fantasy performances. On the plus side, he was actually very good last year, which is probably why they re-signed him. If Dez is out, he'll be an immediate WW pickup.

78. CURTIS SAMUEL (CAR, 21)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Samuel would've been the talk of the WR group at the Combine most years, but he got completely overshadowed by **John Ross**' record-breaking 40-time (4.22). Samuel's performance was nothing to sniff at, running a blistering 4.31. He also performed well in the bench press (18 reps) and in the vertical jump (37"), but he surprisingly disappointed in the agility drills in the 20-yard shuttle (4.33) and 3-cone drill (7.09). At 5'11", 196 pounds, Samuel was used as a chess piece to create mismatches by Ohio State HC **Urban Meyer**, a lot like how Meyer used **Percy Harvin** at Florida. He's obviously dangerous with the ball in his hands, and he can flat out fly when he gets into the open field. He's still learning how to play WR and needs work as a route runner, but he flashed explosiveness in and out of his breaks. He also struggles against press coverage because of his size. He's not a natural receiver and his hands can be shaky at times for a WR, and he doesn't have the vision of a RB.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Samuel projects best at WR, but he could also see plenty of snaps in this Panthers backfield because of his versatility and ability to work as a RB. The Panthers and OC **Mike Shula** seem to being shifting this aerial game to more of a short-passing attack by drafting dynamic "offensive weapons" **Christian McCaffrey** and Samuel in the first two rounds. Samuel has already been told he'll be used primarily in the slot, while also seeing snaps in the backfield with McCaffrey. We worry that Samuel could be a **Dexter McCluster** type, who is completely frustrating for fantasy because of inconsistent and uninspired usage. The best-case scenario is that he's used like **Tyreek Hill** in the future, getting creative carries and targets every game, with some potential as a returner too. Samuel has plenty of big-play ability, and he could sneak into the fantasy radar if he gets enough productive touches per game as a rookie.

79. TORREY SMITH (PHI, 28)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: In the second year of his big-money contract with the Niners, Smith had a miserable year. In 12 games, he hauled in 20/267/3 receiving on 48 catches (13.4 YPR, 41.7% catch rate). With 5.4 FPG, he ranked 106th in the NFL. Even **Chip Kelly**, who got a career year out of **DeSean Jackson** back in 2013, couldn't coax a big year out of Torrey and his mediocre QB play. He caught more than 3 passes in zero games, and was held catchless three times.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Eagles called about Torrey at the trade deadline in 2016, and they ended up getting their deep threat in the offseason. Torrey needed to get out of the Bay Area, and he's in a much better situation as a complementary outside WR to **Alshon Jeffery**. Smith is just 28 years old and has some juice left in his legs, and he gives the Eagles some much-needed speed on the perimeter, which **Carson Wentz** had none of in 2016. Nonetheless, we'd be surprised if Smith provides consistent fantasy value, even in non-PPR formats, because he's rarely been that type of player.

80. JEREMY KERLEY (SF, 28)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Kerley is a solid slot receiver, but when he's a team's most productive receiver, that's a huge issue. Playing in 16 games, Kerley posted 64/667/3 receiving on 113 targets (10.4 YPR, 56.6% catch rate). With 9.3 FPG, he ranked tied for 66th among WRs. Kerley led all 49ers in top-24 weeks as a WR with three. He had the Niners' only top-12 week (a #9 finish in Week 5), and with his #13 finish in Week 4, he had San Fran's top two overall finishes for the year at the position. Kerley's 102 receiving yards in Week 9 were one of only two 100-yard games for San Francisco WRs (**Quinton Patton** had the other), and he had eight games with 5 or more catches. Again, if it seems like we're really reaching for positives here, it's because we are. But compared to his teammates, Kerley was **Marvin Harrison**.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Kerley is just an above-average slot receiver at best, but he's in a spot where he could be heavily involved due to a weak group of 49ers WRs. However, his fantasy value will go way down this year going from **Chip Kelly**, whose offense featured the slot WR, to **Kyle Shanahan**, whose offense takes more shots downfield off play-action. Kerley won't have a ton of pressure to lose playing time to the WRs behind him, but he's never scored more than 3 TDs in a season, and he averaged a career-best 4 catches per game last year. Kerley is going to be a low-impact fantasy option in deeper PPR leagues.

81. CARLOS HENDERSON (DEN, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Henderson looked fast on tape last season, but he played against lesser competition coming out of Louisiana Tech. His speed translated to the turf in Indy, clocking a 4.46 40-time at the Combine. He also had great results in the vertical (36") and broad jump (10'11"), which shows he has some explosive traits. However, he struggled in the 3-cone drill (7.18), 20-yard (4.35), and 60-yard shuttle runs (11.79). His numbers from the Combine suggest that he's more of a straight-line athlete on the outside than a quick, slot type. However, he measured in at just 5'11", 199 pounds and played a lot out of the slot in college, so it will be interesting to see how he transitions to the league. He'll likely be able to play inside and outside, and he's a talented returner, so his versatility will make him appealing. His agility numbers were surprising because he was elusive after the catch in college. He might be the best in the class with the ball in his hands, finding tiny cracks and exploding through them, which isn't a shock because he's a dynamic returner. Henderson wins in some contested-catch situations, and he plays bigger than his size as a receiver and as a runner, but larger defenders can still knock him off the ball. His biggest weakness is his route running. He can be a little stiff out of breaks, and he needs a ton of refinement after running a limited route tree at Louisiana Tech. He reminds us a bit of **Cordarrelle Patterson** coming out of Tennessee because of his dynamic ability as a runner and his one season of big-time college production.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Henderson is a bit of a boom-or-bust type because he only had one season of production playing at a smaller school. He should at least be able to make an immediate impact as a returner for the Broncos, and they've desperately been seeking a legit #3 WR for years

to pair with **Demaryius Thomas** and **Emmanuel Sanders**. Henderson actually reminds us a lot of a young Thomas with his ability to make big plays with the ball in his hands. He isn't a finished product as a route runner, and he's not going to command targets in this offense as a rookie. Still, the Broncos need to help out their young QBs **Paxton Lynch** and **Trevor Siemian**, and they'll look to get Henderson a few touches a game to get his explosive ability on the field. He'll likely start his career on the fringes of fantasy relevance, but he could develop into a dynamic option in short time.

82. CHRIS MOORE (BAL, 24)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Moore went in the early 4th round of last year's draft, 107th overall, but he never really got the shot to make an impact as a vertical threat with Joe Flacco busy checking it down. Moore had almost no role late in the year, catching just one pass after Week 7, although he did have three carries and started to work as a kick returner in the second half of the year. He finished with 7/46/0 receiving on 16 targets (43.8% catch rate, 6.6 YPR), playing on 16% of the snaps in his 15 games.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Moore didn't have a role as a rookie last season, but he slid up the depth chart with **Steve Smith** retiring and **Kamar Aiken** leaving in free agency. The Ravens have 201 targets vacated from last season (29%), and third-year WR **Breshad Perriman** is expected to be the biggest beneficiary. Moore also figures to benefit, and there's a potential for him to be heavily involved if Perriman isn't ready to be the man across from **Mike Wallace**. Moore averaged 22.1 YPR during his last two years in college at Cincinnati, and he has excellent speed to complement **Joe Flacco**'s big arm. Moore will likely compete with oft-injured slot WR **Michael Campanaro** for snaps in 3-WR sets, and he'll be a player to monitor in non-PPR formats.

83. CHRIS HOGAN (NE, 28)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Hogan made a solid impact as a downfield threat for **Tom Brady** during the regular season, but he waited until the AFC Championship to make his biggest impact. He posted a whopping 9/180/2 receiving against the Steelers to propel the Patriots to the Super Bowl. The Patriots used Hogan as their downfield threat on the outside, and among WRs with 30+ catches, Hogan finished behind only **DeSean Jackson** in yards per catch (17.9). Hogan was never heavily involved in the offense, topping 7+ targets in just one game and hitting 5+ catches just once. He finished the year with 38/680/4 receiving on 58 targets (65.5% catch rate, 17.9 YPR) in 15 games. Hogan averaged 8.7 FPG, tying with **Adam Humphries** and **Will Fuller** for 67th at the position. He played on 80% of the snaps and saw a 10.5% target share. Hogan averaged an impressive 2.30 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.93.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Hogan was one of the best threats in the league last season, but they brought in a more dynamic speedster this offseason when they traded for **Brandin Cooks**. Hogan played 79% of the snaps last season, but he saw just 6.2% of the snaps, and both of those participation numbers are likely to go down, especially if second-year WR **Malcolm Mitchell** takes another step forward. Hogan is now a bit buried down the depth chart, and it looks like he could be a rotational deep threat with Mitchell across from Cooks, so he's off the fantasy radar entering the year. However, if you want to take a stab at him very late in a draft as the cheapest of their WR options, that could be a savvy move.

84. MALCOLM MITCHELL (NE, 24)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Mitchell drew positive reviews during the preseason, which is hard to do for rookie WRs trying to get on the same page with veteran QB **Tom Brady**. The Patriots have had an absolutely terrible track record of drafting WRs in the early rounds over the last decade, but there's cautious optimism in New England that Mitchell could break the drought. For a stretch, he became a vital part of this passing game with **Rob Gronkowski** (back) done for the season. In Gronk's absence, Mitchell took on a bigger role in the red zone and as a downfield threat, but a knee injury slowed him at the end of the season and in the early part of the playoffs. He finished the year with 32/401/4 receiving on 48 targets (66.7% catch rate, 12.5 YPR), averaging 6.9 FPG in 14 games. He played on 55% of the snaps and saw an 8.9% target share. Mitchell averaged a solid 2.00 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.93. He had his best stretch in Weeks 11-14, posting 21/263/4 receiving and averaging 17.8 FPG, which ranked 8th at the position. For being a part-time player through Week 9, Mitchell saw a pretty generous 14 red-zone targets. The Patriots have been looking for a big outside WR for the few years, and now they have two intriguing prospects that fit the bill in Mitchell and Chris Hogan. The rookie had a strong performance (6/70 receiving) to help the Pats win the Super Bowl. Mitchell will be just 24 years old next season.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Mitchell emerged a bit toward the end of his rookie season, and he was headed toward being a chic break-out fantasy pick this summer before the Patriots killed that momentum by trading for **Brandin Cooks**. Mitchell is now likely stuck battling it out with **Chris Hogan** for snaps across from Cooks, and those two could rotate snaps unless Mitchell shows that he's clearly the better option in Year Two. QB **Tom Brady** will spread the ball around, but there's only one ball here, and Mitchell has three studs ahead of him in the passing game in Cooks, **Julian Edelman**, and Gronk. Mitchell could be worth a late-round flyer in deeper leagues, but it's tough to see him making a true leap in his second year with limited opportunities.

85. PHILLIP DORSETT (IND, 24)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Through two full seasons, 2015 1st-round pick Dorsett is averaging a robust 2.0 receptions and 29.0 yards per game to start his career. **Donte Moncrief** was plagued by injuries all last season and **Andrew Luck** desperately needed Dorsett to step up when Moncrief was out. Instead, Dorsett still only caught 2.19 passes for 39.2 yards per game when Moncrief missed six contests last season. Dorsett certainly has game-breaking speed, but he has simply not been the playmaker he was drafted to become.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Colts drafted Dorsett in the 1st round in 2015 to be a dynamic option next to **T.Y. Hilton** in the passing attack. He's been just a one-trick pony and a major disappointment in his first two seasons, scoring just 3 TDs as a mediocre vertical specialist. The Colts and QB **Andrew Luck** have some trust issues with Dorsett at this point in his career, and they brought in a reliable option in WR **Kamar Aiken** to put some pressure on Dorsett. The Colts have more invested in Dorsett, and they'll give him the first crack to win the #3 WR job, but he'll need to earn his playing time, especially since the man that drafted him, **Ryan Grigson**, is gone. Dorsett will likely be just off the fantasy radar in non-PPR formats if he wins the #3 job.

86. MARQUISE GOODWIN (SF, 26)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Bills had plenty of issues at WR, forcing Goodwin into a bigger role than anticipated. Goodwin set career highs in catches (29), yards (431) and touchdowns (3). Goodwin averaged a measly 1.37 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.93. The Bills ideally wanted to only use Goodwin as a vertical specialist in 2016, but he ended up seeing 65% of the snaps and 12.7% target share, far more involvement than they wanted from Goodwin.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Early in free agency, new HC **Kyle Shanahan** quickly found his new **Taylor Gabriel** for this 49ers offense. Goodwin is obviously one of the league's most dynamic athletes as a former Olympic long jumper. He'll be an interesting project for Shanahan, who will look turn Goodwin into a gadget player and vertical threat in his offense. He's unlikely to ever be a high-volume receiver, but there's a chance he could develop into a fantasy-relevant option in non-PPR formats, if he can find a way to make a big play or two a game. He might be worth a shot in the dark with one of your final picks in a best-ball format.

87. COOPER KUPP (LAR, 24)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Kupp was never on the radar for Division I schools, getting just two looks out of high school from Eastern Washington and Idaho State. Kupp performed extremely well at the Senior Bowl, but he couldn't keep the momentum going at the Combine. He had an absolutely dreadful performance in the 40-yard dash with a time of 4.62. And his 31" vertical was better than only 7% of the position, according to mockdraftable.com. His broad jump wasn't much better at 9'8", and he showed very little explosiveness during the drills. Kupp impressed down in Mobile with his reliable hands, and he ran past some defenders. He also caught just about everything on tape and gives great effort in every aspect. Kupp made plenty of plays after the catch and showed better play speed than his 40-time suggests. He does need some work as a route runner, struggling to create separation with his quickness out of breaks. He also ran a limited route tree at Eastern Washington. He will be 24 years old during his rookie season, and has an average build at 6'2", 204 pounds. He operated primarily as a big slot in college and has some similarities to **Tyler Boyd**, but Kupp has the size to potentially work outside some at the next level. He's physical after the catch like an outside WR.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Rams must think Kupp can play on the outside as a Z receiver or they apparently just love their interior WRs in **Tavon Austin**, **Robert Woods**, and **Pharoh Cooper**. Kupp was just a marginal athlete at the Combine, and the Rams are hoping he plays more like his college tape. He's also an older prospect (24 years old this season), so the Rams will be counting on him to quickly transition from playing against FCS corners to NFL corners. The Rams aren't overly talented at WR, but he'll still be competing against a bunch of mouths out of the slot with a shaky QB in **Jared Goff**. He'll likely be waiver wire material as a rookie, but he could develop into a #3 WR once he makes the transition to the next level.

88. ROBBY ANDERSON (NYJ, 24)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: All you need to know about the Jets season is that Anderson, a UDFA prospect out of Temple, was their most viable fantasy WR by the end of the season. He caught 4+ passes in four of his final five games of the season, although he did have a goose egg in there against the Patriots in Week 16. Even with a 0 FP game thrown in to the mix, Anderson still had 18/283/2 receiving on 38 targets in Weeks 13-17 for 11.9 FPG. Overall, the rookie finished with 42/587/2 on 76 targets (53.8% catch rate, 14.0 YPR) in 16 games. Anderson averaged just 1.54 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.93. He played on 69% of the snaps and had a 14.2% target share, and his usage climbed as the season went along. Anderson clearly was at his best with **Bryce Petty** because the reserve QB wasn't afraid to force the ball downfield to the 4.3 speedster.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Anderson had a nice run of fantasy relevance in Weeks 13-15 last season, but he's hardly a consistent option. He's more of a one-trick pony because of his speed and his lack of polish as an overall receiver, and he also has some off-the-field concerns. In an ideal offense, he'd be more of a vertical specialist than a starter on the outside, but snaps will be up for grabs this season behind **Eric Decker** who's not even guaranteed to be at 100% by Week 1. Anderson is better off playing with big-armed QBs, and at least that won't be a problem this season as **Josh McCown**, **Bryce Petty**, and **Christian Hackenberg** all have cannons. The Jets will have a wide-open WR competition for snaps, and Anderson showed he can make some splash plays last season. Still, there's no need to be aggressive with him in fantasy drafts unless he starts to emerge as a starter in training camp.

89. TAJAE SHARPE (TEN, 22)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Even though he had a ton of buzz in the weeks leading up to the season, Sharpe ended his 2016 rookie year with a whimper. He started the year with receiving lines of 7/76, 4/33, and 3/48 but he failed to improve drastically at any point in the year. Sharpe caught only five passes over the Titans' final four games and ended up being held below 40 yards receiving nine times. A 5th-rounder from Massachusetts, Sharpe simply may not have the athletic acumen to really excel in the NFL.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Sharpe impressed in his rookie training camp last year, and he got off to a solid start before cooling off significantly outside of a three-game stretch in Weeks 9-11. The Titans clearly saw their WR depth as their biggest weakness heading into 2017, and they addressed it by drafting **Corey Davis** and **Taywan Taylor** in the 1st and 3rd rounds, respectively. Sharpe will have to beat out Taylor if he wants to play in 3-WR sets, and he's likely headed to being a part-time player as the backup to Davis and **Rishard Matthews** on the outside. Sharpe won't be on the fantasy radar to start the season, and he'll need an injury ahead of him to have a significant role.

90. BRAXTON MILLER (HOU, 24)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Even when he was active and healthy, Miller played over 80% of the Texans' snaps just three times and played on only 54% of possible snaps when he was available. Miller did define his role a bit in 2016, running 67% of his routes from the slot, but he only caught 10 balls for 56 yards on his 154 slot routes. As a 3rd-round pick, Miller has the athletic ability and short area quickness to be a solid slot receiver in the NFL.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Miller doesn't have a ton of room to grow with only 3% of the Texans targets vacated, but rookie QB **Deshaun Watson** has the potential to be a major upgrade over the disastrous **Brock Osweiler**, who torpedoed the Texans passing game last season. Miller, a former college QB, is a great athlete who learned on the job last year, and he could take a giant step forward with another full offseason working as a WR (this is his third season). As a rookie QB, Watson could rely on Miller in the slot at times, but Miller will likely be just off the fantasy radar to start the season.

91. BRANDON LAFELL (CIN, 30)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: LaFell didn't have much of a market last offseason after a bad 2015 campaign with the Patriots. He went to Cincinnati on a one-year, prove-it deal after the Patriots cut him in the offseason, and he regained his 2014 form. He finished with 64/862/6 receiving on 107 targets (59.8% catch rate, 13.5 YPR) in 16 games. He averaged 11.6 FPG, ranking him 42nd at the position behind **Randall Cobb**. LaFell had arguably the best stretch of his career in the final five weeks of the season as the #1 WR with **A.J. Green** out of the lineup. LaFell posted 28/405/2 receiving on 43 targets in that span, ranking him 14th with 16.1 FPG.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: LaFell had some interest from a few teams in free agency, but he decided to stick with his current team. The Bengals have made it pretty clear they won't have much use for him by 2018, by selecting **John Ross** and **Josh Malone** in the 1st and 4th rounds, respectively. LaFell is a low-end fantasy asset who's going to post sporadic production playing next to Green, Ross, **Tyler Boyd**, and **Tyler Eifert**. LaFell will likely need an injury to someone in front of him to have a shot at consistent fantasy production. He did a nice job last year, but for now, he looks like a rotational player and an unnecessary WR handcuff for Green, and the Bengals certainly didn't draft Ross in the 1st round for him to sit the bench.

92. CHRIS CONLEY (KC, 23)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Conley played in all 16 games for the Chiefs and had a 79.9% snap share, but you wouldn't know it by his final numbers. He managed just 44/530/0 receiving on 69 targets (12.0 YPR, 63.8% catch rate). At 6.1 FPG, he tied for 96th among WRs. Only once all year did Conley top 10 FPs—a 6/70 showing in Week 4 against Pittsburgh. Otherwise, at 0.12 FP/snap, he was one of the least-efficient WRs in the entire NFL (and about four times less efficient than teammate **Tyreek Hill**).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Chiefs took Conley in the 3rd round in 2015 because of his measurables, but he's rarely showed off his explosiveness in his first two seasons, averaging 11.9 YPR. He has some potential as a downfield threat, but he hasn't been a great pair with the weak-armed **Alex Smith**. He'll likely start across from **Jeremy Maclin** on the outside again this season, but Conley is way down the passing-game pecking order behind **Travis Kelce**, Hill, and Maclin. Conley could see the majority of the snaps as the #2 WR once again, but he's unlikely to be on the fantasy radar.

93. PAUL RICHARDSON (SEA, 25)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Richardson was barely involved during the regular season for Seattle, playing in 15 games while posting just 21/288/1 receiving on 36 targets (13.7 YPR, 58.3% catch rate). Eight of his 21 catches came over the final two weeks, as his role increased following **Tyler Lockett**'s broken leg. Then, he had a mini-breakout in the playoffs. In two games, Richardson posted 131 yards and a TD on 7 catches (9 targets). His game against the Lions in the Wild Card Round was his most impressive, as he caught 3 passes, but all 3 were of the spectacular variety (the TD was arguably one of the best catches all season, as he caught it around a defender). Richardson can really run, and it appears his four-game stretch in the limelight once Lockett went down gave him the opportunity to shine that he's never really had.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Richardson made a name for himself with his circus TD catch in the Wild Card Round, but he started to emerge in the final two weeks of the season after **Tyler Lockett** broke his leg. The Seahawks drafted Richardson in the 2nd round in 2014, and he's looking to finally stay healthy enough to make an impact in his fourth season. He's looking to unseat **Jermaine Kearse** for more playing time, and like the end of last season, he could be a regular if Lockett takes some time to get back to 100%. Richardson definitely flashed his 2nd-round talent at the end of last season, and he could flirt with fantasy relevance at times this season, especially if Lockett struggles coming off his major leg injury.

94. TAYWAN TAYLOR (TEN, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Taylor had an up-and-down Combine performance. Checking in at 5'11" and 203 pounds, he ran a solid 4.50 in the 40-yard dash, which was slightly slower than he looked on tape, albeit against lesser competition in Conference USA. Taylor had the best time in the 3-cone drill at 6.53, and he had an excellent broad jump (11") and a solid vertical (33½"). His broad jump and 3-cone drill actually ranked him among the top 4% at the position, according to mockdraftable.com. It's not surprising then that he was explosive as both a route runner and with the ball in his hands. He approaches route running like an art form, manipulating defenders with a number of different moves. He was allowed to freelance quite a bit in Western Kentucky's offense, which he obviously won't be able to do at the next level. Taylor is competitive with the ball in the air, and he has great feet and concentration along the sideline. He is a touch small, and he needs to get better against press coverage. He's also a bit tentative at times going over the middle. He's best built to operate out of the slot, but he worked all over the field with success in college. We see a little bit of **Antonio Brown** in Taylor because of his size and explosiveness as a route-runner and after the catch.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Taywan has a future in the league, but it's yet to be determined if he can play all over the field or if he'll be limited to the slot. At the very least, he should become a good slot receiver with the potential for more. The Titans already have **Corey Davis**, **Rishard Matthews**, and **Tajae Sharpe** as options on the outside, so Taylor slides in as an inside receiver to start his career with **Marcus Mariota**. He might not make an immediate fantasy impact as a rookie in this run-heavy offense, which doesn't lean on 3-WR sets. Still, Taylor has the potential to become the #2 WR behind Davis early in his career, and he could become a solid PPR option relatively soon.

95. MICHAEL CAMPANARO (BAL, 26)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Campanaro isn't the biggest (5'9", 191 pounds) or the fastest WR, but he wins as a slot receiver because of his quickness and route running. He can beat man coverage and can find soft spots against zone coverage, and he works best in the underneath and intermediate areas. He has great vision with the ball in his hands and picks up extra yards after the catch. Campanaro will never be a deep threat, but he could make a career for himself out of the slot.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Ravens have a soft spot for Campanaro, and they decided to keep him around this offseason despite his injury troubles because they like his potential as a slot receiver. The Ravens have 201 vacated targets (29%) with **Steve Smith** retiring and **Kamar Aiken** leaving in free agency, and **Mike Wallace** is the only proven WR on this roster. If you're looking for a deep, deep, deep sleeper in large PPR formats, Campanaro is a WR to keep an eye on because he's currently the Ravens best option in the slot.

96. JERMAINE KEARSE (SEA, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Kearse is a smooth, fluid receiver who plays with good body control. He offers a fairly big target (6'1", 209 pounds) and makes catches away from his frame. Kearse excels at making contested catches and over-the-shoulder receptions downfield. He has exceptional leaping ability and makes spectacular catches from time to time, but he struggles to separate on a consistent basis. He's a one-speed receiver who can't consistently get open deep, which is a problem since he's often used as a vertical threat. He uses his frame to protect the pass and quickly transitions from making the catch to running after the reception.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Kearse didn't find any interest as a free agent last offseason, which tells you all you need to know about his talent level. He's been a benefactor of playing with QB **Russell Wilson** the last four years, and it might be only a matter of time before younger more talented WRs like **Tyler Lockett**, **Paul Richardson**, and **Amara Darboh** start taking more snaps from Kearse. He wasn't fantasy relevant at any point last season, and even when he's been fantasy relevant in the past, he's

been a frustrating asset to own with his total hit-or-miss performances. Kearse is unlikely to even be a fringe fantasy bench player once again this year, and he could lose playing time if the more talented Richardson continues to emerge.

97. TRAVIS BENJAMIN (LAC, 27)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Benjamin was supposed to provide a deep threat complement to the possession-oriented skills of **Keenan Allen**, which is why the club signed him to a four-year contract last offseason. But as often happens with the Chargers, things didn't exactly work out as planned. Playing in 14 games, Benjamin posted 47/677/4 receiving on 74 targets (14.4 YPR, 63.5% catch rate). He ranked tied for 60th among WRs with 9.9 FPG. On the year, Benjamin played just 59.3% of the Chargers' snaps when active, well behind both **Dontrelle Inman** and **Tyrell Williams**, two unknowns prior to the season who topped 80% each. Benjamin had only two top-24 weeks all season, and they both came in the first five weeks of the regular season. Those two games were Benjamin's only 100-yard performances of the year. In fact, through Week 5, Benjamin had 28/394/2 receiving—more than half his fantasy production on the year—ranking 17th at WR in FPG over that span. Unfortunately, the injuries started to happen.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Benjamin looks like the odd man out in the Chargers WR rotation after the organization drafted **Mike Williams** in the 1st round to pair with **Tyrell Williams** and **Keenan Allen**. The Chargers suddenly might have the most depth at WR heading into 2017, and Benjamin will likely be competing with **Dontrelle Inman** for snaps as the #4 WR. Benjamin will need rookie Mike Williams to struggle or he'll need someone else to get injured to crawl into the fantasy picture this season.

98. KENNY GOLLADAY (DET, 24)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Golladay took an interesting route to the NFL, starting his college career at FCS North Dakota before moving closer to his Chicago home and transferring to Northern Illinois. Golladay sat out a year when he transferred and he's a 24-year-old prospect, so he might not have the ceiling that other draftees have. He's a QB's best friend because he's really long at 6'4", 218 pounds and offers a huge catch radius. He also catches just about every pass thrown his way, with just a couple drops to his name the last two years. He was a height/weight/speed prospect coming out of the Combine, after running a 4.50 40-time and jumping 35½" in the vertical and 10'0" in the broad. He does need to work on his route running, and he needs to improve his sideline awareness, which is pretty important since he'll be working the boundaries of the field most of his career due to his size.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Golladay does stand out here due to his size, and he was reportedly off to a good start in their offseason workouts. He's probably not going to be worth drafting no matter what, but if he has a strong showing in camp, he'll be on the radar as a possible WW pickup during the season.

99. KAMAR AIKEN (IND, 28)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Aiken turned in an incredibly disappointing 2016 season after he led the Ravens in receptions (75), yards (944), and TD catches (5) the year before. The Ravens decided to roll with **Steve Smith** and **Mike Wallace** as their top WRs, with Aiken and **Breshad Perriman** mixing in behind them. Aiken finished with 29/328/1 receiving on 50 targets (58.0% catch rate, 11.3 YPR), averaging just 4.2 FPG in 16 games. He played 52% of the snaps and had a 7.8% target share. Aiken averaged a measly 1.36 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.93.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Former 1st-round pick **Phillp Dorsett** has been a huge disappointment through two seasons, and the Colts brought in Aiken to give him some competition for snaps. Kamar will get the chance to play in the slot for the Colts in 3-WR sets unless Dorsett makes a big jump during training camp. QB **Andrew Luck** hasn't been afraid to throw it to his TEs in the middle of the field, and Aiken could flirt with fantasy relevance at times this season, especially with **Dwayne Allen** and **Coby Fleener** out of the mix. Aiken is a rock solid option who needs volume to produce, which is unlikely to happen often unless Dorsett and **Donte Moncrief** have disappointing campaigns.

100. JUJU SMITH-SCHUSTER (PIT, 20)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Smith-Schuster is a big, physical receiver at 6'1", 215 pounds, who was compared quite a bit to **Anquan Boldin** leading up to the draft. As a five-star recruit, JuJu started as soon as he stepped foot on campus in 2014. He helped himself with his performance at the Combine, looking healthier and more athletic than he was during the 2016 season. He ran a better 40-time than most expected at 4.54. He also posted a solid number in the broad jump (10") and a slightly disappointing vertical (32½"). He faired better during drills at the Combine, looking rather smooth as a receiver. Smith-Schuster has absolutely massive hands at 10½", and he uses them to make some tough catches away from his body. He's not going to run away from defenders after the catch, but he picks up extra yardage by moving like a running back with the ball in his hands. He can make the occasional play downfield because he's excellent at tracking deep passes to make some difficult catches. Smith-Schuster has trouble separating and reaching top speed, so he's unlikely to ever be a big-play threat, but he also has a floor of being at least a big slot receiver. He's going to have to be good at shielding defenders away and making contested catches because of his lack of separation. He also needs to become a more consistent route runner to better free himself from defenders, but at least he isn't afraid to make plays in traffic. He still flashed plenty of times throughout his three seasons at USC to show he can be a volume receiver at the next level. We like the Boldin comparisons, but we think he might be slightly more athletic and more of a **Michael Crabtree** type.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Steelers, once loaded with WR depth, became extremely thin at the position thanks to **Martavis Bryant**' season long suspension and **Sammie Coates**' disappearing act in the middle of last season. The Steelers got some insurance by drafting one our favorite rookie WRs in Smith-Schuster at #62 overall. Smith-Schuster is a big, physical receiver who should be able to play on the outside right away as a possession receiver. No offense to marginal slot WR **Eli Rogers**, but the Steelers will also likely try to develop JuJu as a big slot receiver because they would love to use 3-WR sets with Smith-Schuster, Brown, and Bryant. Smith-Schuster's future is a bit tied to Bryant and Coates, but he's an extremely young prospect who won't turn 21 until the end of November. He'll likely be a fantasy bench option as a rookie, but he should have a long career as a #2 WR on the outside.

Odell Beckham Jr.

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TIGHT ENDS

Travis Kelce

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1. TRAVIS KELCE (KC, 27)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Kelce is one of the most dominant players at the position, although the Chiefs have just started to scratch the surface of his talent. He's a nasty, physical blocker who can get the job done in-line, which is an underrated part of his game. He has a good frame and good feet, and he runs pretty well. His hands are solid, and he has a wide-catching radius good for difficult catches. Since he's so strong, he's tough to bring down with a head of steam. His presence down the seam is limited by **Alex Smith**'s arm, but he can get downfield. Perhaps **Patrick Mahomes** can unlock that part of Kelce's game in the next few seasons. Kelce has been called a mini-**Rob Gronkowski** because of his size (6'5", 260 lbs.) and his athleticism. After putting up 70.3 yards/game in 2016, we're finally starting to see his ability to take over a game.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Last season was the first time we got to witness Kelce's actual ceiling. He had six games with 100+ receiving yards in 2016, tripling his career total of 100-yard milestone games from 2013-2015 (2). He set career-highs in targets (117), receptions (85), and yards (1,125) in 2016, and he led all TEs in yards after the catch by over 200. Once again, the lone major concern for Kelce comes in the touchdown department. He had just 8 targets inside of the 10-yard line in 2016 and didn't see a single pass inside of the opponents' 10 in the Chiefs final six regular season games.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Kelce needs some positive touchdown variance to swing his way in order to have a truly monster season, but at least he showed in 2016 why we've pushed him for three years running. Kelce is a stud, but he won't be much of a bargain, which is worth noting because TE is a little deeper this year than usual. If you want to go BPA—best player available—we're fine with him as long as you're outside the top 36 (first 3 rounds in a 12-team league). His ADP was in the 35-40 range, but if he's taken in the top 36, there's no value with the pick.

2. ROB GRONKOWSKI (NE, 28)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Gronkowski is more of a traditional TE than other top receivers at the position, but he's still a complete freak. At 6'6" and 265lbs., he resembles a DE, but he can beat safeties and CBs in one-on-one matchups when the Pats separate him from the formation. No other TE faces more attention from defenders and is grabbed and pulled more than Gronk, but he still remains the toughest cover at the position. Other TEs are faster, but his long stride allows him to separate vertically, and his frame and absolutely massive hands allow him to attack the ball at its highest point. Gronk is a fantastic blocker, and HC **Bill Belichick** has said in the past that Gronk has the chance to be the best TE ever. Even after multiple injury-riddled seasons, Gronkowski may already be the best of all-time at his position.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Unfortunately, we were robbed of yet another season of Gronk last year. Gronk has now missed 24 regular season games over the past five seasons combined. Gronkowski only played his normal allotment of snaps in seven games last year, from Weeks 3-10. Only five of those games were with **Tom Brady**, but they were magnificent. In those five starts with Brady at the helm, Gronk *averaged* 4.80 receptions and 105.80 yards (on 6.60 targets) per game. As a TE, that's insane. If you extrapolate Gronkowski's five games with Brady from 2016 over an entire season, you'd come up with a cool receiving line of 77/1693/9.6, or 18.98 PPR points/game. Gronkowski's career-best PPR output per contest was in 2011 (20.7 PPR points/game).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Anyone who plays fantasy football regularly knows the deal with Gronk: He's a beast and a major impact fantasy player when he's on the field, but availability is a serious concern. He's still the foundation of the Patriots' offense, but New England has become less dependent on Gronk in recent seasons, and their dependence on him may be at an all-time low heading into 2017. His ADP is down in the low-20s, but for him to be a good pick no matter what, we'd like to see him slip into the 3rd round of a typical 12-team league. If so, we can live with Gronk's downside.

3. JORDAN REED (WAS, 27)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Reed is one of the most versatile TEs in the NFL. As a mismatch player who gives LBs and CBs fits trying to cover him, Reed plays like a wideout in the passing game. He runs with speed to separate from defenders and make them miss. He's at his best with the ball in his hands, and he can even pick up tough yardage when he needs to plow ahead. He does lack true TE size at 6'2", 237 lbs., and he can struggle blocking at times, but he's too dynamic of a receiver to take off the field for long stretches of time. Despite serious, career-threatening concussion issues, Reed isn't afraid to work in the middle of the field. He really improved his route running compared to his first two seasons, and he's now a go-to weapon all over the field for **Kirk Cousins**.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Reed still has not played a full NFL season. He missed another four games in 2016 and was limited to less than 30% of snaps in another two contests, but when he was healthy, he continued to be a force. Reed arguably has a WR1 ceiling when he's full go. In 10 healthy games in 2016, he averaged 6.40 receptions, 67 yards, and 0.6 touchdowns per game. That works out to about 16.7 PPR points per game, which would have been good enough to finish as the WR9 amongst receivers last year. When he plays, Reed is Kirk Cousins' main target. He led all Redskins' in target share (when active) last season.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Reed should be in a good spot this year with Kirk Cousins working in two (essentially) new wideouts in **Josh Doctson** and **Terrelle Pryor**, so Cousins could lean particularly hard on Reed early on in 2017. Obviously, his downside is evident in his injury-marred past. There may be a little more downside than usual this year, too, since TE is deeper than usual. Reed's ADP should be in the 36-40 range overall, but he should not be taken until at least the 4th round (any time after pick 36).

4. JIMMY GRAHAM (SEA, 30)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Graham's physical skills allow him to line up anywhere in the formation and make plays all over the field, whether it's down the seam or in the red zone. Matchups never seemed to matter for Graham, because his size, skill, and physicality made him a mismatch for any opponent. He catches almost everything thrown in his area, and he has a huge catching radius. While every team knows Graham is the top option, he usually still dominates, even with increased defensive attention. He will never be the strongest blocker, which has hurt his playing time in the past, but he's still such a talented receiver. Graham is a true freak. After tearing his patellar tendon (knee) in 2015, He really looked like his old, dominant self in 2016 with **Russell Wilson**. Hopefully, he doesn't slow down anytime soon.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: We've seen patellar tendon injuries end careers in the recent past and, if not, at least significantly alter them (**Victor Cruz**). Well, all Graham managed to do is play in 16 games and post 65/923/6 receiving on 94 targets. He averaged 12.1 FPG, which tied him with **Rob Gronkowski** for 8th at TE. Graham played twice as many games as Gronk. Not only did he manage to play a full schedule, but he also led all TEs with 30 or more catches in yards per reception (14.2). Graham had nine games as a top-12 TE, including three top-5 finishes, and the #1 overall TE finish in Week 9. He had three 100-yard receiving games after reaching that point just twice in the previous two seasons. In all, he played 74.6% of the Seahawks' offensive snaps on the year, which is remarkable

(and keep in mind he played just 20.7% of the snaps in Week 1, as he was being eased back into action).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Not only was Graham healthy a year after a devastating injury, but you can argue it's the best he's been since 2013, so there's some optimism heading into 2017. Graham is 30 now, so he's no longer a very young player, and there's little reason to pounce on him in drafts this summer with the TE pool deeper than usual. But with an ADP around 70 (TE6), he's a solid option for those looking to go BPA any time after the 6th round.

5. GREG OLSEN (CAR, 32)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Olsen has become the most reliable option for QB **Cam Newton**. Olsen is a good blocker, and he's also a good fit with the Panthers, because he's a chain-mover and he can get down the seam. He's never been a prolific receiver in the red zone, but Olsen is still a key player for what the Panthers do, because he's effective in the short, intermediate, and deep areas of the field. He's not a player you expect to have a Gronk or **Jordan Reed**-like ceiling, but he'll rarely let you down, which isn't something to overlook. Newton still desperately needs the consistency from Olsen, since they have a pair of inconsistent, big WRs in **Kelvin Benjamin** and **Devin Funchess** and two new rookies in **Christian McCaffrey** and **Curtis Samuel** on offense.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: After leading the team in receiving yards for a fourth-straight year, Olsen has become one of the league's most consistent players on a yearly and weekly basis. He has also led Carolina in targets in three of his past four pro seasons and he's caught at least 73 passes in four-straight campaigns. What's most impressive, however, is Olsen's reliability. He hasn't missed a game since his rookie year. In fact, Olsen has been available and active for every single contest for an astonishing nine-straight years. That's simply **Jason Witten**-esque. For fantasy, Olsen has put his reliability to good use and has finished as the TE6, TE7, TE4, TE4, and TE2 in his last five years with Carolina and undoubtedly has another top-8 season or two left in the tank.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Olsen has quietly put together a career that may put him in the HOF mix down the road, and while he's getting older at 32, he's still performing at a high level. The problem is his QB is not, and now the offense will be shifting to incorporate rookies RB Christian McCaffrey and WR Curtis Samuel. The biggest issue is his ADP, which was quite high this spring at around 50 overall (TE4). We'd like to see him slip a round or two for optimal value.

6. DELANIE WALKER (TEN, 33)

TALENT OVERVIEW: The versatile Walker has been the team's most reliable player the last three seasons and has performed well with multiple QBs. While he's barely 6'0", he makes up for it with swiftness and downfield speed. He's a powerful player, who can break tackles and catch anything that gets near him. Blocking has been an issue because of his size, but the Titans' have enough help there with the other blocking TEs on the roster. Walker won't wow you with any one aspect of his game. In a young, talented offense with a third-year QB in **Marcus Mariota** on the rise, He's very valuable thanks to his reliability and experience.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Walker followed up his epic 2015 campaign (94/1088/6) with a solid, but less voluminous 2016 season (65/800/7). Walker had eight weeks in which he finished as a top-12 (TE1) option, omitting Week 17. Still, even though he had another top-8 fantasy season at the position, it's hard to ignore the traceable decrease in volume he experienced last season. After seeing seven games with 10 or more targets in 2015, he had just one in 2016. It's worth noting Walker had 16 red-zone targets in both 2015 and 2016, but his massive dip in total volume is a bit scary.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We didn't love Walker last year due to an inflated ADP, and, as we fully expected, his volume was down and so were his numbers. However, he was still a strong producer and remains a very effective player. We like him a little more this year, as his ADP is down to an acceptable 80-85 range (TE7). If he slips to 95+ overall, he'll even present some value. We're not expecting his volume to approach that of his epic 2015 season, but the presence of #1 pick WR **Corey Davis** should help draw some attention away, which should help Walker.

7. ZACH ERTZ (PHI, 26)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Ertz may not be as explosive an athlete as **Rob Gronkowski** or **Jordan Reed**, but he's a smooth route runner with sneaky speed, who's quick in his breaks and gains separation. He has good size (6'5", 250 lbs.), but he isn't the most physical blocker, even with good effort. Ertz has great hands, and he does a good job selling his routes and finding soft spots in coverage. He's too athletic for LBs to cover, DBs struggle with him because of his size, and he can line up all over the formation. It seems like **Doug Pederson** figured out how to use Ertz last year after former-Eagles' HC **Chip Kelly** never featured him in a consistent weekly role.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Ertz continued to be one of the more productive TEs in the NFL, and one of the most frustrating in 2016. That's because, for the third time in three years, he had a December explosion. In 14 games (missing Weeks 2 and 3 with a rib injury), he posted 78/816/4 receiving on 105 targets (10.5 YPR, 74.3% catch rate). At 13.1 FPG, Ertz tied **Kyle Rudolph** for 3rd among TEs, but 40 of his 78 catches came after December 1, much like 37 of his 75 catches in 2015 came after December 1. But it's the consistency that always drives us nuts about Ertz. Though he was the #3 overall TE in FPG, he actually finished as a top-3 TE just twice in Weeks 14 and 17 (thanks for that Week 17 game, Zach...). Still, in eight of his 14 games, he was at least a top-12 TE, which means, despite the frustration, he returned on a mid-round investment in fantasy drafts.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We still like Ertz, but as outlined above, he can be frustrating in terms of failing to score TDs and in terms of his slow starts. And this year, we don't see him commanding the same high targets down the stretch as he's had three years running. With **Alshon Jeffery** and **Torrey Smith** added, **Carson Wentz** won't have to lean as heavily on Ertz. His early ADP sat around 110 overall (TE11), so he's not over-priced, at least. Ertz isn't a guy we'll be targeting per se, but if he slips a little and we need a TE, he's certainly viable.

8. TYLER EIFERT (CIN, 27)

TALENT OVERVIEW: The Bengals want Eifert to play like a wideout, which says a lot about his athleticism and movement. Eifert's blocking can improve, but it's not like the Bengals are taking him off the field because of it. Eifert can routinely line up out wide, and he can stretch the seams with ease. He's an exceptional receiver with good hands and hand/eye coordination, and he's a tough athlete who makes contested catches. Eifert finally put his injuries behind him in 2015. Unfortunately, that wasn't the case in 2016. If he can stay healthy, he'll become a premier TE due to his size and athleticism, especially down in the red zone where he's an impossible cover for defenders.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Eifert has now participated in a dreadful 46% of his potential games in three seasons (23 of 50) because of injuries to his head, neck, elbow, back, and ankle. Eifert was still quite effective when he was healthy enough to play, finishing with 29/394/5 receiving

on 47 targets (61.7%, 13.6 YPR) in 8 games. He averaged 12.3 FPG, ranking him 7th at the position behind **Delanie Walker**. Eifert played on 78% of the snaps when in the lineup and had just an 8.8% target share despite missing time. He averaged an impressive 2.09 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.75. Still, despite all of his injuries, He's a force in the red zone. He saw nine red-zone targets in eight games in 2016 and scored on 5 of them.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The word that best describes Eifert's appeal this year is "upside." Now, he surely has downside due to his durability problems, but there's double-digit TD upside with Eifert this year with a pair of very dangerous outside WRs commanding a lot of attention. With an ADP of around 65 (TE5), he isn't cheap. Our best advice is to target him later and hope his injury issues cause him to slip in your draft. If he doesn't, there are more quality TEs on the board than usual this year, so Eifert isn't a must-have.

9. KYLE RUDOLPH (MIN, 27)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Rudolph is a big, strong, and fairly athletic TE who can be a terror in the short and intermediate areas. He's a solid blocker, and he's finally starting to figure out how take advantage of his size (6'6", 265 lbs.) as a receiver. He can't stretch the field down the seams, but he can be a tough matchup for a smaller safety or LB in the middle of the field in the underneath passing game. It's fair to say that in this offense with the conservative **Sam Bradford**, Rudolph will truly never have a massive ceiling like **Gronkowski, Reed, Eifert, Kelce**, and **Jimmy Graham**. Still, Rudolph came into his own in 2016 and was a very valuable and consistent asset for both Bradford and his fantasy football backers.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Rudolph saw a league-high 132 targets for the position, including another league-high 29 red-zone targets. He had a particularly strong finishing kick for his fantasy owners—which coincided with a **Stefon Diggs** swoon—ranking as the #2 fantasy TE in Weeks 12-17 with 16.6 FPG on 44/436/2 receiving in six games. Rudolph finished his career year with 83/840/7 receiving on 132 targets (62.9% catch rate, 10.1 YPR) in 16 games. He averaged 13.1 FPG, tying with **Zach Ertz** for 3rd at the position. He played on 92% of the snaps, led the team with a 22.6% target share, and had 10.99% of the team's touches. Rudolph doesn't have the best track record of staying healthy, but he's now made it through 16 game seasons in consecutive years after playing just 17 games in 2013-14.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We've always liked Rudolph and have (incorrectly) pushed him as a sleeper for years. We did again in 2016, and he finally came through. We could look back at 2016 and view it as his career year, but there's no question Sam Bradford was critical to his success, and Bradford is back in what should be a pass-happy offense. There are potentially more targets at WR and RB for Bradford this year, though, so the big question with Rudolph is whether or not he can get volume similar to last year—probably not, but, on the other hand, he could potentially score another 2-3 TDs. With an ADP of around 95 (TE10), he's a decent value, but not a great one.

10. MARTELLUS BENNETT (GB, 30)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Bennett has rare, natural receiving skills for such a huge guy (6'6", 273 lbs.). He has good hands, solid vertical ability, and is willing to get dirty in the blocking game. While not necessarily a dangerous athletic player, Bennett is considered an all-around strong TE and can be a good chain-mover and red-zone threat. What's more, he's becoming well-known for his excellent blocking skills in the running game. Having a 6'6", nearly 275-lb. tight end on the line of scrimmage is essentially like having a sixth tackle on the field. Now in Green Bay, we're betting Bennett will become a Swiss Army Knife of sorts for **Aaron Rodgers** and Co. Because of his blocking and massive frame in the red zone, Rodgers has not quite had a chess piece like Bennett in quite some time.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Bennett came to New England expecting to be the #2 TE behind **Rob Gronkowski**, but he became the #1 when Gronk (back) went down for the season in Week 12. No matter if Gronk was in or out of the lineup, Bennett was a highly volatile fantasy asset for most of the season. He scored 15+ FPs five times, but he scored under 6 FPs a whopping seven times, which is a tough pill to swallow for a player that was frequently used as a low-end TE1. He did score 3 of his 7 TDs in his final four games of the regular season, but he also finished under 40 yards three times in that span. He finished the year with 55/701/7 receiving on 73 targets and averaged 10.5 PPR points/game, ranking 15th at the position behind **Dennis Pitta**.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Packers have had some bad TEs the last 2-3 years, but we did get a glimpse into what a strong pass-catcher can do in this offense with **Jared Cook** late in 2016. In their final 10 games (including the playoffs), Cook averaged a strong 4.2/55.3/0.3 (7.2 targets) per game while seeing 18.7% of the Packers' targets. It's obvious the Packers have missed having an athletic receiving prospect at the position. The Packers give up a little athleticism going from Cooks to Bennett, but they get more versatility and better blocking. They're not without weapons, though, so Bennett's fantasy value likely hinges on his usage in the red zone and inside the 10. The good news is Aaron Rodgers throws to his TEs when they're in scoring position. Over the last three years, a solid 19% of his throws from inside the 10-yard line have been to a TE. Yes, another free agent pickup, **Lance Kendricks** has been a noted TD vulture (a TD catch for every 12 catches over his career), and his presence could conceivably cap Bennett's upside, but this fit is too good to ignore for Bennett. His ADP of 90 (TE8) isn't incredibly affordable, but we view him as a TE1 this year, so we have no problem with taking him in this spot.

11. ERIC EBRON (DET, 24)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Ebron has been a bit slow to pick up the pro game and has played tentatively at times. His hands let him down far too often with way too many mental mistakes, but he's still loaded with talent. The knock on Ebron is that he does have a tendency to leave you wanting more on the field, as we've seen plenty early in his career. Ebron has good speed and can win at the jump point, catching the ball away from his body. He can play in-line and out of the slot, so he can be used to create mismatches. He can also create after the catch, picking up chunks of yardage with a great burst. Ebron does need to improve his route running. He clearly has a lot of potential, but we still want to see improvement in Year Four of his career.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Ebron has been a complete non-factor down by the goal line early in his career, with just 1 receiving TD in 2016 and only 7 career-receiving scores in three seasons. He saw just 7 red-zone targets, tying for 28th at the position, with **Matthew Stafford** opting to look for **Anquan Boldin** in the red zone instead—Anquan had a team-leading 26 RZ looks. Ebron finished the year with a rushing TD and 61/711/1 receiving on 85 targets in 13 games. He averaged 11.1 FPG, ranking 12th at the position behind **Cameron Brate**. Ebron played on 82% of the snaps, saw a 14.8% target share, and had 8.85% of the team's touches. He hasn't lived up to his top-10 draft status yet, but he has steadily improved in his first three seasons, setting career highs in catches (61) and yards (711).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: There was talk of the Lions potentially using an early pick on a TE, but that didn't happen, which was good news for Ebron. They did add Toledo's **Michael Roberts** in the 4th round. Roberts led all college TEs with 16 TDs last year, so he could easily be a productive

red-zone threat for Matthew Stafford at Ebron's expense. But at 6'4" and 270 lbs., he (at least initially) projects best as more of an in-line guy rather than in space player like Ebron. The Lions picked up Ebron's fifth-year option, so they are still high on him, but he still needs to put it all together. His first three seasons have been more frustrating than encouraging, due mainly to injuries, but he's very talented, and he has definitely developed and flashed at times. There's still a chance he breaks out, especially with Boldin off the roster. His ADP of 130 (TE13) could go down as an excellent value.

12. JACK DOYLE (IND, 27)

TALENT OVERVIEW: "O'Doyle Rules!" Prior to 2016, Doyle had been mainly used as a blocker over his first three seasons because of his size (6'6", 267 lbs.). Even though he's a marginal athlete on paper, he showed he's a functional receiver and a strong red-zone threat for **Andrew Luck** in 2016. Doyle is closer to league-average in the ability to create and rip off chunk yardage after the catch, but his excellent size obviously gives him a huge target over the middle for Luck to hit. Seemingly coming out of nowhere once **Dwayne Allen** got hurt in 2016, Doyle was easily the best TE on the Colts' roster. Now, **Erik Swoope** is waiting in the wings—the Colts are likely to make him their #2 TE now that Allen is off the roster—but Doyle now has a full season to take command of the Colts' starting job.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Doyle clearly led the way among the Colts tight end trio in 2016. Doyle led both Dwayne Allen and Erik Swoope in top-12 (TE1) scoring weeks (Doyle: 5; Allen: 3; Swoope: 1), snaps (68%; 64%; 22%), and targets (75; 52; 22). Even though no AFC South team had a tight end finish inside of the top-10 scorers in cumulative points, Indianapolis had the TE1 (109/1,287/12) in PPR points/game. That's right. If we rolled up Dwayne Allen (35/406/6), Jack Doyle (59/584/5), and Erik Swoope's (15/297/1) production together, we'd get a robust 19.4 PPR points/game in 2016. The best TE season since 2010 is by **Rob Gronkowski** (20.7 points/game in 2011).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Doyle is beloved in Indy for his lunch-pail approach and reliability. In addition to re-signing Doyle this offseason, the Colts traded Dwayne Allen to the Patriots and didn't draft a TE, so things have gone well this year for Doyle and his fantasy prospects. Indy is one of the heaviest 2-TE teams in the league, as TE-friendly OC **Rob Chudzinski** loves multiple-TE sets, and Doyle has something that should be very valuable: the complete trust of his QB Andrew Luck. Doyle now looks like a safe and steady TE2 with some upside from there if things work out well for him in the red zone. They still have Eric Swoope, who flashed some last year, but it's not outlandish to think Doyle can hit double-digit TDs in 2017 given his savvy in the red zone and chemistry with Luck.

13. JASON WITTEN (DAL, 35)

TALENT OVERVIEW: What more needs to be said about Witten? A true NFL ironman, Witten is a strong, big guy with fantastic hands. He isn't exactly a dynamic TE, but he's a subtle mover and has been a reliable volume target for more than a decade. Witten can't stretch the field, so his activity in the red zone will really dictate how often he scores. He's also a very good blocker, which has kept him on the field nearly full-time. Even if he doesn't score a lot, Witten has still managed to be one of the TEs we can count on year in and year out, and you can't say that about many other guys. He's never been an elite runner and he certainly can't be expected to do anything after the catch now. Still, Witten is one of the best tight ends at beating zone coverage and is a perfect check down option for **Dak Prescott**.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: It was yet another boring season for Witten, and that's a compliment at this stage of his career. Playing in all 16 games for the 13th consecutive season, Witten posted 69/673/3 receiving on 95 targets (9.8 YPR, 72.6% catch rate). He averaged 9.6 FPG, which tied him for 16th at the position, though if you take away the Cowboys' meaningless Week 17 game, Witten averaged 10.2 FPG (still would have put him 16th for the full season). Witten posted just five top-12 performances at the TE position and was more often a low-ceiling option—he had seven finishes between 13-24 at the position. He had just one 100-yard game, and had more than 50 yards just five times.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Witten's incredible consistency has prompted us to rank him higher than we'd draft him, and the fact is he's only appealing if he's available very late. That should be the case, though, with an early ADP of 165 (TE18). Witten did click well with Dak Prescott, but he's never been a big TD guy, and they are pretty loaded at WR with good depth. Still, Witten is a QB's security blanket, and that won't change in 2017, so he will get his looks.

14. HUNTER HENRY (LAC, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Henry was regarded as the top tight end in the 2016 class and, boy, was that a correct assessment. He has the size (6'5", 250 lbs.) and separation speed to run past defenders and to stretch the middle of the field down the seams. He's comfortable splitting out away from the formation, and he can run a full route tree. Henry works well in all three levels of the field as a receiver, and he possesses a unique mixture of athleticism, size, and awareness. He needs to improve his run blocking in Year Two, but we wouldn't dare call him a stiff in that area. Henry surely looks like the next iteration of a three-down, dual-threat tight end in the NFL.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: As far as rookie TEs go, Henry had one of the best seasons in memory. He still wasn't a consistent fantasy option, mind you, but he showed exceptional promise. In 15 games, missing one with a knee injury, Henry posted 36/482/8 receiving on 52 targets (13.4 YPR, 69.2% catch rate). At 8.8 FPG, he finished 22nd among TEs. In all, Henry was a viable streamer, despite a part-time role. He finished as a top-12 TE on six occasions, including both games that **Antonio Gates** missed. However, with 8 TDs, Henry was very TD dependent. He tied with **Cameron Brate** for the lead at the TE position, despite finishing 27th at the position in total receptions. That being said, the only TE with 50 or more total targets who saw a higher percentage of red-zone targets than Gates (23.9%) in 2016 was Henry, who saw a whopping 32.7% of his targets come in the red zone.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We love Henry and think he'll be a star playing with **Philip Rivers**, perhaps as soon as this year (and he was pretty damn good as a rookie last year). It's rare for rookies to make the kind of impact Henry made last year, but we'd be remiss if we didn't point out that HOF'er Antonio Gates is still on the roster. Plus, they have unusual depth at WR this year. That said, his price tag this year (ADP around 90, TE9) is a little steep. We get it for those who want to play to win, but there's a decent chance he underwhelms based on that draft status.

15. C.J. FIEDOROWICZ (HOU, 25)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Fiedorowicz is a well-rounded tight end prospect that has a huge frame required to play many years as an in-line player. After failing to make meaningful contributions as a receiver in his first two pro seasons, he quietly broke out in 2016 thanks to **Bill O'Brien**'s new push to involve his tight ends in the passing game. Fiedorowicz is a real throwback at the position because of his ability as both a receiver and as a blocker. He runs pretty well for his size (6'5", 265 lbs.) and has deceptive movement and athletic skills. He also has good body control for a big man, but he'll never blow anyone away with flashy plays.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Fiedorowicz essentially served as **Brock Osweiler**'s binky in 2016. Because checking down to the intermediate area in front of him was literally one of the only thing's Osweiler did well in 2016, Fiedorowicz set career highs in receptions (54), yards (559), and scores (4). Fiedorowicz saw 89 targets in 2016 while teammate Ryan Griffin saw 74. As a combined unit, the Texans' tight end corps went for 104/1001/6 receiving (240 PPR points) in 2016.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: As a reference point, Fiedorowicz and **Ryan Griffin's** 240 combined PPR points in 2016 would have been good enough to finish as the TE1 in 2016, TE4 in 2015, and TE2 in 2014 in cumulative output, which makes Fiedorowicz a tougher player to handicap. He's clearly emerged as a nice player, but he'll be dealing with a QB change to a rookie in **Deshaun Watson**, and Griffin continues to cap his upside. The best thing about him is his ADP, which was around 175 overall in the spring (TE23), so he won't need a considerable investment to acquire him. If he continues to improve, this complete TE should be a fantasy-factor even with some challenges with Griffin commanding targets and the switch to a new starting QB.

16. COBY FLEENER (NO, 28)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Fleener is more of a receiver than a tight end—which, in theory, would make him a great fit in the Saints passing game. That didn't necessarily play out in 2016. Fleener has proven to be a capable receiver, but he'll always have inexplicable drops, mental lapses, and take horrible penalties. He's inconsistent over the middle of the field and in traffic, though we still consider Fleener a big, athletic target that can work all areas of the field. He can create mismatches down the field, but he certainly doesn't consistently exploit his mismatches in terms of size and speed. What's more, Fleener will never be much of a blocker, but the Saints appear to be fully aware of his limitations in the running game. Fleener only played on 58% of Saints' snaps in 2016, and he was only asked to run block 22% of the time.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Dubbed by John Hansen as the "single-most frustrating player to project in the history of fantasy football", Fleener was nothing short of an enigma in 2016. Even with **Josh Hill** missing seven games due to injury, Fleener could not muster a TE1 (top-12) season with **Drew Brees** and the Saints' high-powered offense. Despite the fact Brees averaged over 325 passing yards per day, Fleener mustered a wholly unimpressive 39.4 receiving yards per contest in his first year with New Orleans. In his defense, HC **Sean Payton** and Brees' offensive scheme and playbook is not easy to master, but rookie **Michael Thomas** seemingly earned Brees and Co.'s trust overnight at the NFL Draft. Fleener never even sniffed consistency. Instead, he finished 24th in points per game among tight ends. What's more, Fleener only mustered four top-12 (TE1 or better) scoring days from Week 1-16. For comparison's sake, former-Rams' tight end **Lance Kendricks**, too, mustered four top-12 weeks in 2016. Among qualifying tight ends, Coby Fleener finished the year tied for 20th out of 22 in receiving yards gained per route run. Only **Gary Barnidge** and **Will Tye** were more inefficient on a per route basis than Fleener in 2016.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We were very high on Fleener last spring, and while we pulled back from him in August, we didn't pull back far enough. Fleener's inconsistency permeated throughout his route running, his run blocking, and his general lack of field awareness, so we get it if he's dead to you. However, we cannot ignore a few important factors. For one, he HAS to be more comfortable and confident in his second year with Brees in this offense. They also didn't add a TE of note this offseason and lost **Brandin Cooks**, so Fleener's targets should be there again this year. Most important, he's a throwaway pick very late in drafts. With an early ADP of 160 (TE17), there's almost no downside to taking a flyer on him late.

17. JULIUS THOMAS (MIA, 29)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Thomas is a "basketball player" carrying on the tradition started by guys like **Tony Gonzalez** and **Antonio Gates**. A freak athlete, Thomas plays in-line, out of the slot, and out wide, and he provides unique matchup advantages in each spot. If Thomas wants to become a complete player, blocking is the only area he really needs to improve on. Thomas is a threat all over the field as a receiver, but he's deadly in the red zone because of his size. He moves pretty well down the seam and can pluck passes out of the air in contested situations with his huge catch radius. Even though Thomas struggled mightily with **Blake Bortles** in Jacksonville, we'd love to see him recapture the upside he flashed earlier in his career with then-Broncos' OC and now Dolphins HC, **Adam Gase**.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: After getting a huge five-year, $46 million deal ahead of the 2015 season, Thomas struggled mightily in Jacksonville. In two years, Thomas had missed more games (11) than touchdowns scored (9). Last year, specifically, Thomas set career-lows in the following categories: receptions/game (3.30), yards/game (31.2), and yards/reception (9.4). He finished the 2016 season with just four top-12 (TE1) performances. He also had four finishes outside of the top-25 weekly tight ends all together.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: After getting a huge new deal ahead of the 2015 season, Thomas caught just 76 passes for 736 yards over the past two years with Jacksonville. He missed more games (11) than scored TDs (9) and looked like an old man out there the last 1-2 years. But when he was healthy, Thomas was a TD machine with **Peyton Manning** at the controls and with Miami HC **Adam Gase** as the OC in Denver, scoring an outstanding 24 times in 27 games. TEs haven't necessarily been a huge part of **Ryan Tannehill**'s passing attack, but Gase's offense can be TE-friendly, as it was for Thomas in Denver, and Tannehill does throw to his TEs when Miami's inside the 10. Tannehill targeted **Anthony Fasano**, **Charles Clay**, and **Dion Sims** (signed with Chicago in 2017) on 34% of his pass attempts in 2012-14 and 2016. And last year, Sims' 30% target share inside of the 10-yard line was very high for a TE. Thomas isn't a good blocker, but the team has brought Fasano back, and he'll pick up most of the slack there. Based on his injury history and tape the last two years, he's not someone to truly count on. But with a fresh, healthy start back with Gase, he has a chance to produce top-15 totals, provided he's seeing close to previous Dolphin TEs' activity in the red zone. He's a good bet to be more TD dependent than most top TEs, but things could work out well for him in the TD department. He's very affordable with an ADP of 165 (TE16).

18. AUSTIN HOOPER (ATL, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Hooper has big hands, long arms, and plenty of athleticism, but the biggest knock against him is that he's stuck between being a moving TE and being an in-line TE. It looks like he has the frame to become more of an in-line player, and he has good technique as a run blocker. Hooper ran the 4th-best 40-time (4.72 seconds) among TEs at the 2016 Combine, and he showed well in the broad jump (9'9") and in the vertical jump (33 inches). He uses his speed to separate from defenders and is strong after the catch. Because of his size and speed, Hooper is more than capable of splitting out and using his big frame to his advantage against smaller defensive backs. Hooper flashed as a big-play threat as a rookie, and we are betting he'll improve even more in Year Two.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Hooper only played 47% of Falcons' snaps in 2016, but he did finish the year on a good note, putting up 6/65/1 on 9 targets in Atlanta's postseason run. What's more, in the very limited sample we have to work with, Hooper wasn't bad at all when he was featured in a semi-prominent role. In the three contests in which he saw

5 or more targets, Hooper posted 3/46/1, 5/41, and 3/32/1 receiving days. Still, there's something to like about Hooper's 2016—even if it wasn't all that voluminous. Among rookie TEs to see 25 or more targets in a single season since the 1970 merger, Hooper's rookie season ranks 9th all-time in yards per reception (14.26).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Falcons have moved on from veteran **Jacob Tamme**, who was not re-signed this offseason, and while they did re-sign **Levine Toilolo**, he's primarily a run blocker and has shown few signs of any upside as a receiver. This means Hooper is officially a fantasy sleeper in Year Two with the Falcons, who targeted the TE a combined 83 times and posted a healthy 58/788/10 receiving line. Hooper won't swallow up 100% of Atlanta's TE production, but Falcon tight ends put up a combined 196.8 PPR points in 2016. At that scoring rate, 196.8 PPR points would have bested **Jimmy Graham** for the cumulative TE4 slot on the year. Hooper wasn't expected to be a huge factor as a rookie 3rd-round pick last year, but he showed that he moves well, and he definitely flashed. Hooper put up 6/65/1 on 9 targets in Atlanta's postseason run and posted 3/46/1, 5/41, and 3/32/1 in the three contests in which he saw 5+ targets. He probably won't be graded as a top-12 TE by the masses this year, but he's a great upside-oriented TE2 and/or a strong value in 14-team or larger leagues.

19. CHARLES CLAY (BUF, 28)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Clay has developed into a chain-mover and a solid runner after the catch. He doesn't have great size at 6'3", 255 lbs., but he makes up for that in versatility. He can line up anywhere, including the backfield. His lack of size also doesn't help him in the end zone—as he's never been a prolific red-zone option—but he can get down the seam to stretch defenses. Clay isn't someone you expect huge numbers from, but he's definitely a reliable target for **Tyrod Taylor**. Clay is asked to block more often than most tight ends in the Bills' run-first offense, but he's still active as a target in the underneath and intermediate areas.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Clay looked like a completely different player after he returned to the field, missing Week 13 for the birth of his first child. In Weeks 14-17, he posted 21/229/4 receiving, ranking as the #3 fantasy TE in that time with 17.0 FPG. The problem is that nearly half of his fantasy production for the year came in those final four games (67.9 of 136.2). Clay finished with 57/552/4 receiving on 87 targets (65.5 catch rate, 9.7 YPR) in 15 games—he actually led the Bills in catches this season. He finished with 9.1 FPG, tying him for 19th at the position with **Ladarius Green**. Clay played on 88% of the snaps, saw a 19.1% target share, and had 8.52% of the team's touches. He averaged just 1.57 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.75. Clay has been hampered by knee and back issues the last two years, but he didn't miss a game in the 2016 season because of an injury.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Clay's a guy we've never strongly backed for fantasy, and we're glad we haven't. He's still having problems with his tricky knee in 2017, so he's still a really shaky option. For what it's worth, the Bills didn't dip into an outstanding TE class in the draft, so they are married to Clay as their guy for at least another season. Given **Sammy Watkins'** injury history, Clay is a needed target for **Tyrod Taylor**. From Weeks 14-17, he posted 21/229/4, ranking as the #3 fantasy TE in that time with 17.0 FPG. Any downside to drafting him should be offset by his affordable price tag (basically free) with an ADP over 200.

20. JESSE JAMES (PIT, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: James is physically imposing at 6'7", 261 lbs., and his 37.5-inch vertical makes him a dangerous red-zone weapon. He has reliable hands and wins in contested situations, using his size to maximize his catching radius. James also uses his size to get off press coverage, and it makes him tough to bring down with just one defender. He doesn't have the speed or elusiveness to get away in the open field, but he can line up all over the field, and he presents a matchup nightmare when he's able to post up smaller defenders. He's a solid run blocker, but he probably should be a better blocker than he is based on his size. James isn't terribly athletic or great at wreaking havoc after the catch, so his fantasy upside could be capped unless he becomes a red-zone monster or a PPR threat in the middle of the field.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: James ended up being the starting TE after all, just like we thought after **Heath Miller** retired. Of course, it took a concussion and ankle issues to free-agent signee **Ladarius Green** for James to get the starting role. He finished with 39/338/3 receiving on 60 targets (65.0% catch rate, 8.7 YPR), averaging 5.7 FPG in 16 games. He played on 79% of the snaps and had a 10.2% target share, but he reached 10+ FPs in just three games in 2016. He did have a nice two-game run in the postseason, posting 5/83 against the Chiefs in the Divisional Round and 5/48 against the Pats in AFC Championship.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: James showed little ability last year after the catch, but his huge frame (6'7", 261 lbs.) did help him see a healthy 12 red-zone targets in 2016, and if you take a shot with him this year, you're hoping that continues, because he looks TD-dependent on a team with plenty of weapons at WR. James' ADP will be low, probably over 175, so he won't cost much at all. But with Ladarius Green released in May, a great opportunity is waiting for James in 2017.

21. DAVID NJOKU (CLE, 21)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: He averaged 16.2 yards per catch and scored on 18.6% of his receptions (8 of 43) last year at Miami. Njoku needs plenty of polish as he comes to the league with just 9 career starts under his belt as a redshirt sophomore. In 2016, he worked in a TE committee and posted a cumulative 43/698/8 receiving line in 2016.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Njoku should develop into a fantastic pro once he gets a little more playing experience, and he has arguably more upside than the top TE selected in the 2017 NFL Draft, **O.J. Howard**. Njoku is everything that any team would want in terms of athleticism for the position, and he should be able to make an impact as a receiver in 2017, since the Browns immediately cut **Gary Barnidge** after they drafted Njoku. He'll need to make progress as a blocker to be a three-down TE as a rookie, but the potential for stardom is certainly there. The big question will be if he can get reliable enough QB play from the likes of **Cody Kessler**, **DeShone Kizer**, and **Brock Osweiler** to make a consistent fantasy impact as a TE2 during his rookie season. Njoku is a total freak that checked in with very long arms at 35¼", and he measured out at 6'4", 246 lbs. with 10" hands. It was no surprise that he killed the jumping drills at the Combine with a 37½" vertical and a 11'1" broad jump. According to mockdraftable.com, Njoku ranks in the top 10% at the position in arm length, broad jump, and vertical jump. He also presents absurd weight-adjusted speed for his size, as he ran a 4.61 40-yard-dash (81st percentile among TEs). He certainly has the potential to be one of the best at the position in the future if the Browns can finally find their franchise QB. Best of all he's a cheap upside option, with an ADP around 170 (TE20).

22. JARED COOK (OAK, 30)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Cook is an extremely athletic player who looks the part, but has never lived up to lofty expectations. He's consistently struggled with bad routes and generally poor play throughout his career. It's disappointing, because Cook has the speed, size, and pass-catching ability to be a game-changer if used correctly, but his own inconsistencies have hurt

him. He has plenty of speed to stretch defenses and get down the seam, which makes him an intriguing pair with **Derek Carr**, but Cook's talent has always outweighed his production. He flashed what his upside can be yet again in the Packers' playoff run in 2016, but he was playing with one of the best quarterbacks of all time and has been known to lack consistency from season to season.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: A change of scenery really helped Cook tap into some of his potential in his eighth season. Cook had been stuck in purgatory early in his career with the Titans and Rams, so playing with an actual NFL-caliber QB—let alone the all-time great **Aaron Rodgers**—helped a lot. Rodgers developed some chemistry with Cooks as the season went along, trusting his great size (6'5", 254 lbs.) and large catch radius. His 36-yard catch along the sideline on a spectacular Rodgers pass in the Divisional Round will go down in Packers lore. Cook tore it up in the playoffs with **Jordy Nelson** missing a large chunk of the postseason, posting 18/229/2 receiving and averaging 17.6 FPG. He finished the regular season with 30/377/1 receiving on 51 targets (58.8% catch rate, 12.6 YPR) in 10 games, missing six games with a high-ankle sprain. He averaged 7.6 FPG, tying for 27th at the position with **Jacob Tamme**. Cook played 51% of the snaps and had an 8.3% target share in Green Bay in 2016.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Cook's leaving a very good situation in Green Bay, but this landing spot could work out fine for him. After a mostly underwhelming first regular season with the Packers, he tore it up in the playoffs, posting 18/229/2 receiving and averaging 17.6 FPG in three games. A change of scenery really helped Cook to tap into some of his potential in his eighth season. Raider TEs line up in the slot 47% of the time, and Cook (who's lined up in the slot an equal 47% of the time over the last two years) is superior to **Clive Walford** when detached from the formation, so he should jump to the top of the TE depth chart. Cook has the speed down the seam they've been looking for, plus he gives Derek Carr a dangerous big body in the middle of the field and in the red zone. Cook has never been a consistent fantasy option and is a career underachiever. Plus, he'll need to pick up his second offense and develop with his second QB in as many years, but playing with Carr gives him a solid chance as long as he's picking things up this summer. His ADP early on was over 200, so he's a late, late pick with some upside.

23. ANTONIO GATES (LAC, 37)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Gates clearly isn't as dynamic as he once was, and he'll never be quite as dominant as he was earlier in his career, but he's still a smart player who runs great routes and is an important part of the offense as long as he's on the field. Injuries have zapped him of quite a bit of the burst and special talent that made him one of the original "basketball athletes" at the TE position, but he still has great hands, versatility, and chemistry with QB **Philip Rivers**. He doesn't move extremely well any longer, but he's still savvy enough to get open on a regular basis—especially in the red zone. He fits the short, quick passing game well, since he doesn't stretch the field down the seam like he used to. Gates will still be involved in the Bolts pass attack, but we're betting Henry ends up being the main tight end target in 2017.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Playing in 14 games in 2016, Gates managed 53/548/7 receiving on 92 targets (10.3 YPR, 57.6% catch rate). He tied for 13th among TEs with 10.7 FPG, which isn't too bad for a guy who turned 36 prior to the season. He missed two games in October with a hamstring injury, but still returned to be an effective red-zone receiver. Of TEs, only **Kyle Rudolph** (8) had more targets inside the 5-yard line than did Gates (5), and Gates' 4 TDs in that area tied **Cameron Brate** for the NFL lead among TEs. In fact, Rudolph was the only TE with more red-zone targets (25) than Gates (22). And among TEs with 50 or more targets, only teammate **Hunter Henry** (32.7%) had a higher-percentage of his targets come in the red zone than did Gates (23.9%). In all, Gates had seven finishes as a top-12 TE, not bad at all for his age. It's also worth noting that two of his best three fantasy games of the year came in the final two weeks of the regular season, as he scored in each game to tie **Tony Gonzalez**'s career record of 111 TDs for a TE.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Gates was more of a "part-time" player than ever before. He played just 62.4% of the Chargers' offensive snaps when active, and that downward trend might continue this year with Hunter Henry a year older and wiser. He could always flip the switch and be magic in the red zone, and his ability to score TDs should keep him around the top 20-30 producers this year. But there's little upside to Gates at this point unless Henry misses time. He's barely being taken inside the top-200, so he's at least dirt-cheap.

24. DENNIS PITTA (BAL, 32)

TALENT OVERVIEW: A laundry list of injuries has completely zapped Pitta's athleticism, and it's amazing that he stepped back onto the field in 2016 after missing essentially two full years with hip injuries. In last year's offseason, Pitta literally didn't know if he could ever play football again. Logging a great comeback story, Pitta was essentially just a zone-beating check-down option for **Joe Flacco** in 2016. There's not much reason for that role to change in 2017 and beyond. Pitta has reliable hands, but he was easily one of the worst tight ends in creating yardage after the catch in 2016. Multiple hip injuries will do that to a player. We're not sure how long Pitta's NFL shelf life is because of wear and tear.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Pitta led the Ravens and all TEs in the NFL in catches (86), but he still tied with **Antonio Gates** for 13th at the position with 10.7 FPG. He finished the year with 170.9 PPR points, meaning that a little more than half of his fantasy points came from his 86 catches. Needless to say, Flacco checked it down way too much in 2016, which helped Pitta have some fantasy relevance. He finished with 86/729/2 receiving on 121 targets (71.1% catch rate, 8.5 YPR) in 16 games. Pitta played 71% of the snaps, had an 18.6% target share, and saw 11.36% of the team's touches. He averaged a measly 1.42 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.75. He scored only 2 TDs despite seeing a solid 12 red-zone targets, and his scores came in one game from Week 13.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: It's tough to think of a less impressive 86-catch season than the one Pitta just had in 2016. Opponents of PPR scoring could very easily point to Pitta's campaign as a reason to ban the scoring system. And this year, the team will welcome veteran **Ben Watson** back. Plus, they have 3-4 capable TEs on the roster. So, as amazing as it sounds, the 2016 TE leader in catches looks like a weak fantasy pick. With an ADP around 195, he's just a guy.

25. O.J. HOWARD (TB, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Not only does Howard have elite NFL size, he's also a complete freak athlete. According to mockdraftable.com, Howard ranks in the top 15% at the position in height, 40-yard dash, broad jump, 3-cone drill, 20-yard shuttle, and 60-yard shuttle. That's bad news for NFL defenders. The Buccaneers see a player who was underutilized by **Lane Kiffin** and **Nick Saban** in Alabama's passing game, which Saban actually admitted to because of poor quarterback play while he was at Alabama. When he did get the ball for the Crimson Tide, Howard was a chore for linebackers to cover due to his speed and quickness, while defensive backs struggled against him because of his size. Howard should have plenty of time to improve and room to make plays in the middle of the field with stud WRs **Mike Evans** and **DeSean Jackson** garnering plenty of atten-

tion on the outside. In all likelihood, Howard will work as the inline TE, while veteran **Cameron Brate** plays as the move guy in 2-TE sets in 2017. Brate and Howard mesh well with what the 'Bucs want to do on offense. In fact, the 'Bucs were one of three teams (along with the Eagles and Colts) to use 21-personnel (2WR, 2TE, 1RB) over 30% of the time in 2016. Over the long run, Howard has an elite ceiling with all of his athletic tools and natural ball skills.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Even though he was not featured in a prominent role at Alabama, when they needed him the most in two shootouts against Clemson in National Title bids, Howard posted 5/208/2 receiving in 2015 and 4/106/1 in 2016. Those were the only two games in which he eclipsed 100+ receiving yards for his career, and he ended his four years at 'Bama with just 114/1726/7.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: HC **Dirk Koetter** will use Howard as a mismatch nightmare at 6'6", 251 lbs., with long arms and big hands. He projects to be a much better pro than college player, and he could thrive playing with up-and-coming QB Jameis Winston. He also should have plenty of room to make plays in the middle of the field with stud WRs Mike Evans and DeSean Jackson garnering plenty of attention on the outside. However, Howard will have to contend with last year's breakout TE Cameron Brate for playing time, which slightly dampers his fantasy outlook for 2017. Howard will likely work as the inline TE while Brate plays as the move guy in 2-TE sets. Like many rookie TE prospects in the recent past, it won't be easy for Howard to make an immediate fantasy impact, but he certainly has a chance in 2017 to be a solid TE2. Just be careful not to overvalue him based on name recognition, as his 115 ADP (TE12) was a little too high for our tastes.

26. EVAN ENGRAM (NYG, 22)

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Engram was a highly productive, four-year starter at Ole Miss, finishing his career with 162/2320/15 receiving in 43 starts. He led all TEs in receiving as a senior, posting 65/926/8 to earn first-team All-American honors. Engram was a two-time team captain, and he led the nation with 17.4 yards per catch back in 2014.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Engram is a jack-of-all-trades for the position because of his athleticism. He can lineup as an inline TE, as an H-back, as a move TE, as a slot receiver, and as an outside receiver. Hopefully, HC **Ben McAdoo** has a plan for how to effectively use him, but it's worrisome the team apparently hopes he can play in line right away, because that's not something he did in college. The best-case scenario is that he turns into a **Jordan Reed** type, and at the very least he should be in the same vein as **Charles Clay**. Engram landed in a great spot to play right away with this lean Giants TE depth chart, but he'll be in a battle for consistent targets with one of the better trios of WRs in the league in **Odell Beckham**, **Brandon Marshall**, and **Sterling Shepard**. He should be on the TE2 radar this season, but he looks like a boom-or-bust option in year-one. At least his early ADP of 165 (TE19) is palatable.

27. VANCE MCDONALD (SF, 27)

TALENT OVERVIEW: McDonald has great size (6'4", 267 lbs.) with long arms, and is more athletic than given credit for. He's not blessed with high-end speed, but he's good at working the seam, the intermediate area, and gaining yards after the catch. He can line up in a variety of places, but he still needs to work on his in-line blocking. His route running is a little limited, but it isn't like he's played heavy snaps throughout the course of his career. McDonald has missed time due to injuries in back-to-back seasons. Given their lack of depth, he should have the inside track to the starting job with **Kyle Shanahan**'s 'Niners.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: It's rare that a tight end who caught 24 passes can be considered a team's most exciting option in the passing game, but that's where we're at with these 49ers in 2016. McDonald played in 11 games and posted 24/391/4 receiving on 44 targets (16.3 YPR, 54.5% catch rate). With 7.9 FPG, he ranked 26th among TEs. McDonald missed two games early in the year with a hip injury and then missed the final three with a shoulder injury. Still, he tantalized with his speed and upside. He had several long TDs (including a 75-yarder against the Panthers in Week 2), and he turned in three finishes as a top-12 TE on the year. McDonald had 50 yards receiving, a TD, or both in six of his 10 full-game appearances on the year.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: McDonald is in a weird spot, having been recently extended by the previous regime but also being rumored not to be for long under the new regime led by new HC Kyle Shanahan. The 49ers shopped McDonald this offseason, and the team used a 5th-round pick on **George Kittle**, who has the potential to develop into an effective receiver at all levels of the field. If McDonald is on the roster in August and has a good summer, however, he should be set as their top TE target for now. But it's a crowded group, so McDonald is a better WW option than a draftable one.

28. CAMERON BRATE (TB, 26)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Even though the 'Bucs just drafted Brate's replacement in **O.J. Howard** in the NFL Draft, that doesn't mean Brate is completely dead for fantasy purposes. Brate—at least this year—will function as the 'Bucs "move" tight end piece while Howard will play more inline. Brate and Howard mesh well with what the 'Bucs want to do on offense. In fact, the Bucs were one of three teams (along with the Eagles and Colts) to use 21-personnel (2WR, 2TE, 1RB) over 30% of the time in 2016. As far as athleticism and upside go, Brate and O.J. Howard are in different hemispheres. Brate badly struggles with run blocking and is pretty much limited to receiving-only. He'll still be involved on passing downs in 2017, but Howard's presence really hurts his weekly upside.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Even though his season ended in Week 17 with a back injury, Brate was an unsung fantasy hero in 2016. At the weakest position in fantasy football, **Cameron Brate** finished as the TE11 in PPR points/game and as the TE7 in cumulative PPR points for the entire year. Brate's eight receiving scores tied **Hunter Henry** for the league lead while his 660 yards was 12th-best at the position, respectively. Brate's 10 red-zone targets were 2nd on the Bucs' only behind **Mike Evans**, while **Brandon Myers** siphoned an inefficient six targets inside of the 20-yard-line away.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We barely knew you, Brate. After tying Hunter Henry for the league lead in receiving scores among tight ends (8) in 2016, Brate's days as a top-12 TE1 are over after one strong year, since the former Harvard-man will have a hard time repeating his breakout season with O.J. Howard coming to the Bay. Brate was an exclusive-rights free agent this offseason and re-upped his deal with the Bucs' for one year, but the size-speed freak Howard will cut into Brate's snaps almost immediately. Brate was a great one-year story, but Howard is too talented to be left on the sideline for long.

29. DWAYNE ALLEN (NE, 27)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Allen is a solid athlete and a natural receiver with reliable hands. He's a complete, all-around TE, and the Patriots decided to trade for him to replace **Martellus Bennett**. Allen will likely fill a similar role to Bennett opposite of **Rob Gronkowski**, but Allen is not as talented a run blocker as Bennett has been for his career. Still, Allen's versatility will allow the Patriots to use him in different personnel groups and

formations, but he's best used in-line. Allen has proven to be a solid red-zone target in his career and **Tom Brady**, along with the Patriots gaggle of weapons, will use Allen in short-and-goal scoring opportunities.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Allen had an incredibly volatile 2016 season. In 14 games, he recorded 50 or more yards receiving just three times and caught 3 or fewer passes 10 times. What's more, 3 of his 6 total receiving touchdowns came in one game versus the hapless Jets. Even though Allen was supposed to be the Colts' best tight end, it was **Jack Doyle** that clearly led the way among the Colts tight end trio in 2016. Doyle led both Allen and **Erik Swoope** in top-12 (TE1) scoring weeks (Doyle: 5; Allen: 3; Swoope: 1), snaps (68%; 64%; 22%), and targets (75; 52; 22).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We're not going to pretend to know what Allen will do in New England this year, but this much is at least obvious: he's got a real chance to be an impact player if **Rob Gronkowski** has issues. That factor alone makes him a viable long-shot pick very late in drafts (like 200+ overall). There's also a decent chance he emerges as a TD producer even with Gronk, since he'll be the least threatening receiving on the field most, if not all, of the time.

30. ZACH MILLER (CHI, 32)

TALENT OVERVIEW: A player routinely handicapped by injuries, Miller has never played a full slate of 16 NFL games ever in his career. He missed three full seasons from 2012-2014. Miller may literally have the worst injury luck of any recent player we can think of. He joined the league in 2009 with the Jaguars and since then, he has undergone a shoulder surgery, an Achilles tendon/calf muscle injury, and he's had one known concussion. He spent the entire 2014 season on injured reserve with a Lisfranc (foot) injury. If you can believe it, Miller was actually put on the Bears' injured reserve in 2016 for the same Lisfranc fracture, this time in his right foot. However, when he was on the field last year, he was arguably one of the best 15 tight ends in the league. He has ideal size (6'3", 240 lbs.) and is a very strong run blocker. Miller is a coach's dream in that he doesn't need to be taken off the field for rushing downs and can still pack a punch in yards after the catch. We're not sure if he still has his speed from the Combine after so many sustained injuries, but he did run a 4.58 40-yard dash back in 2009. That's 90th percentile speed. Injuries likely robbed Miller of a solid career being that he's such a fantastic athlete for his size. We hope he can put one 16-game season together at some point.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The timing of Miller's foot injury in 2016 was unfortunate, as he was about to go off as the top target in the offense in Weeks 11-14 with **Alshon Jeffery** suspended four games for PEDs. He posted 3/61/1 in less than 30 minutes in Week 11. Instead, Miller finished the year with 47/486/4 receiving on 64 targets (73.4% catch rate, 10.3 YPR) in 10 games. He averaged 12.0 FPG, ranking 10th at the position just behind **Jimmy Graham**. Miller played on 83% of the snaps when he was active, had a 12.0% target share, and saw 6.84% of the team's touches.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Bears trusted Miller to stay healthy last season, as they had absolutely no depth behind him, but he suffered a Lisfranc fracture and missed the final six games of the season. They addressed the issue by bringing in the rock-solid **Dion Sims** to push Miller for playing time, and they drafted one of the more intriguing prospects at the position in **Adam Shaheen** at #45 overall. The Bears won't be counting on Shaheen to play right away because he's making quite the leap coming from Division II Ashland, but he's clearly the future of the position for the Bears, and they'll play him as soon as they feel he's ready. Miller is coming off yet another major foot injury at 32 years old, and he has to contend with Sims and Shaheen for playing time, so his path to fantasy relevance is filled with potholes.

31. VERNON DAVIS (WAS, 33)

TALENT OVERVIEW: His career looked nearly dead after being traded to Denver two years ago, but Davis has revitalized his career in Washington. When he is at his best, he can contribute down the field but also in the red zone. Davis' long speed has notoriously won him a lot of foot races on seam routes and crossing routes. Throughout his career, he's been an absolutely lethal weapon when in a one-on-one matchup with a safety, linebacker, or smaller cornerback. Davis plays second fiddle to **Jordan Reed**, but he's an excellent complement to Reed's possession-style play.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: In 2016, Davis was obviously forgotten heading into the season, which he played at age 32 (he turned 33 on January 31). But he was overall an important player in Washington's offense, playing all 16 games and posting 44/583/2 receiving on 59 targets (13.3 YPR, 74.6% catch rate). For the full season, he ranked 29th among TEs with 7.1 FPG. Believe it or not, he finished as a top-12 TE five times, including twice when Jordan Reed was not active, making Davis a viable streaming option.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Davis will have some streaming appeal if and when Jordan Reed misses more playing time, but ultimately he's off our re-draft radars to begin 2017. It's worth holding onto Davis as a cheap TE3 or TE4 in dynasty this offseason, though. Reed is not necessarily a bastion of health and Davis has shown he has plenty of juice still left in his legs. The Redskins rewarded Davis' strong play in 2016 with a three-year extension, worth up to $15 million.

32. LADARIUS GREEN (FREE AGENT, 27)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Green is a rare talent but it hasn't always come out during his career. He may need more playing time to refine his skills, but his scary concussion history has ruined his chances in Pittsburgh. Green flashed plenty in San Diego and in a very small sample in Pittsburgh with his great size and speed, and he's an underrated blocker. His athleticism gives him plenty of upside, but he hasn't always been consistent in his limited playing time, and he's disappeared in games too often. In theory, Green should be a dangerous red-zone threat because of his size (6'6", 240 lbs.), but it seems we may be chasing a pipe dream on his theoretical "talent."

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Green missed the first nine games of the 2016 season recovering from an offseason ankle injury and potential concussion symptoms suffered in 2015 with the Chargers. He then missed the final two 2016 regular season games and three postseason games because of a concussion he suffered in Week 15. Green finished with 18/304/1 receiving on 34 targets (52.9% catch rate, 16.9 YPR), averaging 9.1 FPG and playing just 33% of the snaps in his six games. The Steelers were using him as a sub-package player in his first couple games of the season, especially down inside the red zone—he had 5 RZ targets—but he finally started to play more as a full-time option before his concussion officially derailed his year in Week 15.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Green will need to land on his feet in a good passing offense to have any relevance in 2017. It's possible that because of his extensive and scary concussion history, it may take him some time to find a new home. Green was released with a failed physical designation with concussion and ankle issues. Green will try to extend his career, but he's far from guaranteed to get quick medical clearance.

33. JERMAINE GRESHAM (ARI, 29)

TALENT OVERVIEW: At this point of his career, Gresham isn't much of a fantasy threat. He has sure hands and was a decent possession player when given opportunities, but he was one of PFF's worst graded run and

pass blockers in 2016. Still, at 6'6", 261lbs., Gresham has ideal size and has proven to be a strong, box-out threat in the red zone. What's more, he has strong speed (4.66 forty yards dash) for his size, but he likely won't get a massive chance to showcase his burst in Arizona. HC **Bruce Arians**' offenses are notoriously unfriendly to tight ends.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The odds were against the Cardinals having a fantasy-relevant tight end in 2016, but somehow, Gresham managed to go against conventional wisdom. Of course, that didn't mean he was a start-worthy player on a consistent basis, but he was involved enough that we couldn't ignore him. In 16 games, Gresham posted 37/390/2 receiving on 61 targets (10.5 YPR, 60.7% catch rate). He ranked 39th among TEs with 5.5 FPG. Gresham had three top-12 TE finishes, all from Week 11 on, and saw at least 5 targets in six of the Cardinals' final nine games. Of course, he never finished higher than 7th at TE, and had just eight top-24 TE finishes. Despite his decent finishes, Gresham reached 10 PPR fantasy points just three times in 2016.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Gresham had his most productive season since 2014 (when he was with the Bengals) last year and was promptly re-signed to a four-year deal worth up to $28 million this offseason. Still, HC **Bruce Arians**' aerial attack is not predicated on tight end usage, and Gresham doesn't necessarily have three-down appeal, because he struggled so badly as a run blocker in 2016. Still, he's the only show in town. **Troy Niklas**, who is coming off of major wrist surgery, projects as the Cards' #2 tight end for 2017.

32. TYLER HIGBEE (LAR, 24)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Higbee is a good all-around player, but he isn't outstanding in any one area. What's more, he's only serviceable as a blocker at this point. He does have big, soft hands and his WR background is apparent when he catches the ball. He also has the speed to get down the seam and can work all three levels of the field. Higbee is strong after the catch, using speed and power to fight for extra yards. His background as a wide receiver has helped with his explosive releases off the line of scrimmage and as a route runner.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Higbee never played more than 55% of snaps in a single game in 2016 and will now have to contend with **Gerald Everett**, who the Rams' just spent a 2nd-round pick on. Higbee saw just four red-zone targets in 2016 and only caught 11 of his 29 total targets for 85 yards.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Rams drafted another tight end in Gerald Everett in the early 2nd-round, likely ending any low-end sleeper appeal for Higbee in his second year as a pro. Higbee should begin the year as the Rams' Week 1 starting tight end, but it's a safe bet to assume Everett and Higbee cancel each other out in the Rams' less-than-stellar pass attack.

35. RYAN GRIFFIN (HOU, 27)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Griffin has good size at 6'6", 254 lbs., but he still has room to develop as blocker. The Texans started to use their TEs in the passing game more in 2016, but Griffin has to contend with **C.J. Fiedorowicz** for snaps and targets. He's a sub-par athlete despite his frame, and he has never lived up to his elite collegiate production (16.7 YPR at Connecticut). With 4.92 speed, Griffin has limited quickness and is more of a possession player when he does see a target.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: After catching just 49 career passes in his first three seasons, Griffin rose to an increased role in 2016. He blasted past his previous career highs, going for 50/442/2 in 2016 alongside teammate C.J. Fiedorowicz (54/559/4). Both Griffin and Fiedorowicz served as safety nets to mask **Brock Osweiler**'s incompetency throwing outside of the numbers. While Griffin is undoubtedly coming off his best season as a pro, he still only finished as the TE36 on a FPG basis.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Griffin re-signed with Houston on a three-year deal this offseason, but he's still behind Fiedorowicz in the Texans' target totem pole. With **Tom Savage** and eventual starter **Deshaun Watson** waiting in the wings, we're not overly excited for Griffin's prospects in 2017. He'll be an attractive streamer if Fiedorowicz misses time, but ultimately, we would not bet on him seeing 74 targets again.

36. ERIK SWOOPE (IND, 25)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Swoope has ideal size (6'5", 257 lbs.) for a tight end and is a former basketball player at Miami. We don't have any athletic testing data on him, but he's widely regarded to be fast and nimble on his rather large frame. Swoope was a project coming out of college in 2014 and was effectively "redshirted" in both 2014 and 2015. In a very limited sample, he's been explosive on his targets and has strong ability after the catch. As you may expect for a prospect like Swoope who is taking time to develop, he has a lot of work to do as a blocker in order to play significant snaps.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Swoope played just 220 total snaps in 2016 and averaged a low 22.4 % snap rate per game. Still, in his limited body of work, Swoope posted some pretty strong numbers. He saw just 21 targets, but went for 15/297/1, averaging nearly 20 YPR in the process. Swoope ripped off gains of 45, 35, 27, and 22 yards in the Colts' final six games and posted a strong 71% catch rate on his targets.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We're betting Swoope ends up being a trendy tight end sleeper come draft time in August. He's athletic, can run after the catch, and will likely start the year as the Colts' #2 tight end behind **Jack Doyle**. The Colts were one of three teams—along with the Bucs' and Eagles—to run 2-TE sets on more than 30% of plays in 2016. Swoope isn't someone we'll be drafting, but he will have serious upside if anything happens to Doyle.

36. BEN WATSON (BAL, 36)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Watson isn't the biggest TE (6'3", 255 lbs.), but he's pretty athletic for his size and a good blocker. He's always been more effective in the short to intermediate range, where you'd expect a more traditional TE to make his impact. He's also been pretty effective as a red-zone option throughout his career. Watson has never really been the focal point of any offense, but he's done well in complementary roles in the past.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Hopefully, Watson can regain some of his 2015 season magic as he comes off an Achilles' tear suffered in August 2016. He didn't appear in a regular season game last year. Watson was the TE8 in PPR points per game in 2015, finishing with 74/825/6 receiving on 110 targets with the Saints.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We're pulling for Watson to revive his career after a scary Achilles' tendon tear, but his odds of making a meaningful impact in 2017 are slim. The Ravens currently employ 47 tight ends—we're kidding, sort of—but Watson should start the year competing for snaps behind **Dennis Pitta**. Watson has been adamant that he's ahead of schedule, but at his age, an Achilles' rupture is a tough injury to fully come back from.

38. GERALD EVERETT (LAR, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: New Rams HC **Sean McVay** had coached **Jordan Reed** since he broke into the league, and there's no doubt he saw plenty of

similarities between Everett and Reed, which is why they took him earlier than anyone thought he would go. Everett has a lot of raw skills right now because of his limited football experience, but he appears to be a mold-able prospect for McVay. What's more, Everett lit it up at the Combine in just about every test, including the 40-yard dash (4.63), the vertical leap (37½"), the broad jump (10'6"), and the bench press (22 reps). Everett only needs to beat out second-year TE **Tyler Higbee**—who couldn't make any kind of impact as a rookie—for most of the playing time. McVay is also likely to play more 2-TE sets this season to get **Todd Gurley** on track this year. It might be a bit of a stretch to expect Everett to make consistent fantasy contributions as a rookie with Higbee stealing targets and playing with a raw **Jared Goff** at QB. He could have a high ceiling for fantasy in the future with his receiving skills, as long as Goff takes some steps forward.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Coming out of college, Everett doesn't have a ton of experience playing against top competition. The lone saving grace is that he played well against much tougher competition at the Senior Bowl and against Mississippi State (8/95/1 receiving) last year. He led South Alabama in receiving the last two years with 91/1292/12.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Everett is largely off the fantasy radar in 2017, as usually is the case for rookie tight ends. He's a freak athlete with a lot of physical upside, but he'll need a massive leap from Jared Goff in his second year to have any weekly value in the Rams' attack, and he'll have to command a high number of targets over second-year man Tyler Higbee. Everett may end up having more value than Higbee, and he was hand-picked by the current coaching staff, but we'd rather peg him as a potential WW pickup than a draftable guy.

39. LANCE KENDRICKS (GB, 29)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Kendricks isn't big for the position (6'3", 250 lbs.), and he has less than ideal speed. He brings enough versatility to play in multiple roles (in-line, H-back, move TE), and he's a solid blocker. His athleticism is somewhat limited, although he's fairly agile for his size. Kendricks isn't a dominant talent, but he's a decent run blocker and possession receiver. Now with the Packers, Kendricks and recent signee **Martellus Bennett** give **Aaron Rodgers** some much needed versatility.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Kendricks has developed a deserved reputation as being nothing more than a fantasy nuisance. It's hard to shake that after his 2016 season, in which he posted 50/499/2 receiving on 87 targets (10.0 YPR, 57.5% catch rate) to average 7.0 FPG, which ranked him 30th among all TEs. This was despite Kendricks playing 82.3% of the Rams' offensive snaps and playing 16 full games, which made him overwhelmingly the Rams' top TE. Other than a random three-game stretch beginning in Week 6 in which Kendricks turned in three consecutive top-10 TE finishes, he was utterly useless. He finished as a top-12 TE just once more (Week 12), and had just three more games as a top-24 TE all season.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Kendricks' addition in Green Bay pushes plodder **Richard Rodgers** to third on the Packers depth chart and gives Aaron Rodgers some much-needed depth at the position. Still, the Packers brought in Martellus Bennett to be their featured piece at tight end. Kendricks will likely struggle to see consistent targets with the Packers. Kendricks signed a two-year deal with very little guaranteed money in Green Bay.

40. MARCEDES LEWIS (JAC, 33)

TALENT OVERVIEW: At 6'6", 275 lbs., Lewis is a physical specimen who doesn't necessarily jump off the page athletically. He can't break away from defenders, and he doesn't do one thing in the passing game extremely well. Instead, Lewis has proven to be a solid all-around TE who is known for his blocking, but he has actually struggled in the run game for three-straight years. Lewis used to be one of the league's best run-blocking tight ends earlier in his career. He'll see a big increase in snaps in 2017 now that **Julius Thomas** is in Miami.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Lewis' 2016 season was cut short due to injury (calf) after Week 11, but he barely played even when he was active. On average, Lewis played on just 40% of Jags' snaps in 2016. In total, he went for just 20/169/1 on 30 targets in 2016, and he didn't crack the top-50 fantasy tight ends on a per game basis.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Lewis is back for his 12th season in Jacksonville, but he's mostly off the fantasy radar to begin 2017. The Jags did trade Julius Thomas to Miami, but Lewis has barely been involved as a receiver for four straight years. He's only caught 25, 18, 16, and 20 passes from 2013-16. Lewis' snap rate will jump without Thomas on the roster, but the Jags also signed **Mychal Rivera**, formerly of the Raiders. Rivera is a better receiver than Lewis at this point of their respective careers.

41. DION SIMS (CHI, 26)

TALENT OVERVIEW: At 6'4", 265 lbs., Sims is a mountain of a man. Despite his size, he has traditionally struggled in run blocking over the last few seasons. Sims is a middling athlete with decent speed for his weight and doesn't do one thing particularly well in the passing game. Sims is big and physical, but he doesn't consistently blow through defenders like he should with his size. He's certainly more of a receiving tight end than a blocker, but Sims can still manage to play all three downs in the NFL.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Sims finished last year with 26/256/4 receiving on 35 targets (74.3% catch rate, 9.8 YPR) in 14 games, missing two contests because of a concussion. He averaged just 5.4 FPG for the season, but he did have a nice stretch from Weeks 12-15 when he caught 13/132/4 on 14 targets for 12.6. He played 86% of the snaps and saw a 7.7% target share. Sims averaged an impressive 2.16 fantasy points per target—the league average for the position was 1.75.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Sims had been a solid backup for TEs **Charles Clay** and **Jordan Cameron** since he broke into the league in 2013. He got his chance to start because of Cameron's concussion issues last season, and he had a nice fantasy stretch from Weeks 12-15. The Bears already have **Zach Miller** in the fold, and they also drafted intriguing prospect **Adam Shaheen** in the 2nd round, so the Bears will have an open competition for snaps in training camp. Miller has had major issues staying on the field, and Shaheen could take time to develop coming from Division II, so it wouldn't be surprising if Sims led the position in playing time in 2017. The Bears also want to pound the rock with RB **Jordan Howard**, so Sims could see the most snaps at the position, because he's the best blocker at this point. The problem is that Miller and Shaheen are the much better receivers, and the three of them could cut into each other's production and make each other fantasy irrelevant unless there's an injury at the position.

42. JORDAN LEGGETT (NYJ, 22)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Leggett skipped the 40-yard dash at the Combine, and he had just an average vertical jump (33") and a weak broad jump (9'6"). He performed well in the receiving gauntlet but struggled a bit when he had to put his hand in the ground for blocking drills. According to mockdraftable.com, Leggett is an above-average athlete in most categories, but he ranks in the top quarter of TEs in just hand size (10 "). He has ideal size for the position (6'5", 258 lbs.) and soft hands. He makes plays at the catch point and has excellent ball skills. He stepped

up on the big stage, including a couple key catches in the waning moments of the NCAA title game. He isn't the fastest guy at the position, but he stretched opposing defenses down the seams at Clemson. He's a reliable target in the middle of the field, finding soft spots against zone coverage. Leggett lined up all over the field and runs every route as a former high school WR, but he's a bit stiff getting in and out of his breaks and could struggle against man coverage. He got better as a blocker during his career, but he still needs to improve in that area if he wants to be a three-down, inline player.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Leggett really finished his career strong in his final two seasons while at Clemson and earned a nomination for the John Mackey Award honoring the nation's top TE in 2015. Leggett posted 86/1261/15 receiving in 2015-16, including a combined 12/173/1 receiving line against Alabama in the last two national championship games.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Jets have abandoned the TE position in recent years, and they haven't had a fantasy relevant TE at the position since **Dustin Keller** left back in 2012. The Jets retired former OC **Chan Gailey** and his spread offense, and they now actually need a TE. Draft bust **Austin Seferian-Jenkins** is the "best" TE on the roster, so Leggett has a pretty clear path to playing time as a rookie. Leggett isn't a quick-twitch athlete and needs to improve as a blocker to get on the field consistently early in his career, but he has the potential to be a solid receiver in the middle of the field. It's not inconceivable that he's on the streaming radar later in his rookie season, and he could develop into a fringe fantasy starter if everything breaks completely right. It would obviously be asking a lot for that scenario to happen, but the Jets do have 144 targets available from last season (26%) and one of the worst receiving corps in the league.

43. AUSTIN SEFERIAN-JENKINS (NYJ, 24)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Seferian-Jenkins can line up all over the field (in-line, wing, slot, and backfield), so he has some versatility despite his size (6'5", 262 lbs.). ASJ can catch everything that's thrown his way because of his huge frame and long catch radius. He has great body control and good sideline awareness, and that helps him be a good chain mover. He runs and moves well for his size, showing some agility and the ability to get up the seam. As has been the case throughout his career, Seferian-Jenkins' biggest issue is his commitment. He's never been short on talent.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Jets finished with the fewest catches at TE once again, totaling just 18 this season—they had only 8 TE receptions in 2015. The Broncos were the next closest team with 53 TE catches in 2016. Obviously, the offense has a lot to do with the TEs being a non-factor, as **Chan Gailey**'s spread attack used plenty of 4-WR sets when he was with the Jets. ASJ finished the 2016 season with 13/154/1 receiving on 18 targets (72.2% catch rate, 11.8 YPR) in nine games, including just 10/110/0 in seven appearances with the Jets.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: ASJ is barely clinging to his career as he enters Year Four after being the #38 overall pick by the 'Bucs back in 2014. He'll start the 2017 season suspended for the first two games, and the Jets won't be obligated to keep him around through training camp if he isn't worthy of the hassle. Former Jets' OC **Chan Gailey** largely ignored tight ends. Gailey retired at the end of last season, so it's likely the Jets will use their TEs more in 2017. ASJ was supposed to help the TE-needy Jets, but he, of course, couldn't stay healthy for very long, battling an ankle injury in the middle of the year and a hamstring issue at the end of the season. ASJ is talented, but we'll need to see him play well before we believe it.

44. VIRGIL GREEN (DEN, 29)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Green has been nothing more than a background player over his first five years with the Broncos. He's regarded as a good blocker in the league, but he's never been much of a threat as a receiver. He has the size (6'5", 255 lbs.) and athleticism to be a problem for opposing defenses if he can refine his game, especially down inside the red zone. Green has established himself as a blocker first and as a receiver a distant second in his six-year career.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Green played in 12 games last year and posted just 22/237/1 receiving on 36 targets (10.8 YPR, 61.1% catch rate). He never once finished as a top-14 TE in weekly output, so he was useless even in deeper fantasy leagues. He played 61% of the Broncos' snaps when active—he missed four games with a calf injury early in the year—but was mostly used as an additional blocker.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: **A.J. Derby** is the Broncos' best receiving option heading into training camp, and **Jeff Heuerman** and **Jake Butt** (once his ACL heals) are young TEs looking to prove themselves and get on the field. Denver's tight end situation will be a wide-open competition for snaps. The Broncos had just 53 TE catches in 2016, so there isn't going to be volume for whoever emerges at the position. Green's best bet for fantasy relevance is as a red-zone threat, but he's never scored more than a TD in any of his six seasons. It's best to look elsewhere for fantasy help if you are considering Green.

45. TREY BURTON (PHI, 25)

TALENT OVERVIEW: A highly versatile player coming out of college, Burton has transitioned into a jack-of-all trades in the NFL. His athleticism and versatility has allowed him to not only play a traditional tight end role, but also play as an H-Back, on special teams, and a bit split out at wide receiver. Burton went to the University of Florida as a quarterback, but has extended his playing career nicely as the Eagles' Swiss Army Knife of sorts. Burton is on the small side as far as tight ends go at just 235lbs., but he ran a 4.62 40-yard dash, and his strong agility allows him to play multiple spots on the field.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Burton played in 15 games in 2016 and posted 37/327/1 receiving on 60 targets (8.8 YPR, 61.7% catch rate). He only ranked 42nd among TEs with 5.0 FPG. Though Burton played just 31.3% of the Eagles' offensive snaps overall, by the end of the year Philly was flexing him out as a WR given their lack of options at that position. Burton actually had two top-12 TE weeks on the year, and he topped out with 7 catches for 65 yards in Week 14 against Washington.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Burton is an intriguing athlete, but he has to contend with **Brent Celek** for snaps behind **Zach Ertz**. Burton saw a surprising 60 targets last year, but he'll be hard-pressed to see that level of action again. He won't be fantasy relevant to start 2017, especially with **Alshon Jeffery** and **Torrey Smith** now in the mix, but he's worth keeping an eye on if something happens to **Zach Ertz** ahead of him.

46. MYCHAL RIVERA (JAC, 26)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Rivera doesn't have great size (6'3", 245 lbs.) or speed, and he's more a "tweener" than a strong #1 TE. He has soft hands and can work the middle of the field as an underneath and intermediate receiver, but he hasn't shown much after the catch. Rivera is athletic and can do solid work on seam routes, and he's a much better receiver than he is a blocker.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Last year Rivera saw only 25 targets on the Raiders, catching 18 for 192 yards (10.2 YPR) and one score. Rivera

played on just 35% of snaps in 2016 and was asked to run block just 38% of the time. Rivera's yards/game average slipped for three straight seasons with the Raiders and he never made much of an impact on their overall pass offense.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Rivera had interest from a couple teams during the offseason, but the Jaguars definitely had a need for a receiving TE after they shipped **Julius Thomas** out of town. He'll be competing with **Marcedes Lewis** for playing time in training camp, but he's clearly the better receiving option of the two. Still, it could be tough for him to make a consistent impact in this offense with **Blake Bortles** at QB. The Jaguars will also be looking to run it more consistently after drafting **Leonard Fournette** 4th overall, and Lewis is the much better blocker, which could earn him more playing time. Jaguar TEs saw just 16.9% of the team's target share last season, and they aren't going to go out of their way to get Rivera and Lewis involved, so he's unlikely to be a fantasy factor this season.

47. MICHAEL ROBERTS (DET, 23)

TALENT OVERVIEW: In a loaded rookie TE class, Roberts was one of the least impressive athletes in the group. He ran a plodding 4.86 40-yard dash and didn't perform well in any other drills. He's at least huge (6'5", 270 lbs.), and he used his size to his advantage down by the end zone, scoring 16 TDs as a senior in his only season as a starter. Roberts doesn't have much of a ceiling with his limited ability as a receiver. Unless he becomes an absolute force down in the red zone, He's unlikely to be much of a fantasy factor during his career.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Roberts averaged an extremely pedestrian 11.6 YPR the last two years at Toledo. He's a former walk-on who barely played as a freshman and sophomore. Roberts didn't play full-time until his senior year, in which an absurd 16 of his 45 total receptions went for scores.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Roberts is destined to be more of a #2 blocking TE this season, with the potential to catch a couple TDs. He'll start the year behind **Eric Ebron** and **Darren Fells**, so he's nowhere near the fantasy radar.

48. CLIVE WALFORD (OAK, 25)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Walford is a former standout basketball player at 6'4", 251 lbs., and he uses his big frame and huge hands to help his QBs out. He runs a variety of routes, but needs to become more consistent as a route runner. Walford is pretty talented after the catch, with decent speed and the strength to fight for extra yards. He did struggle with some drops early in his college career but has steadily improved. Walford is a good blocker who can line up as the play-side blocking TE on zone runs.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Tight end was not an important position for the Raiders last year. An Oakland TE turned in a top-12 week just once in 2016—Walford did it in Week 2 with 6/50/1 receiving. However, that was the only time all year he topped 3 catches in a game. In all, Walford posted 33/359/3 receiving in 15 games, on 52 targets (10.9 YPR, 63.5% catch rate). He tied for 36th at TE with 5.8 FPG. He missed one game early in the season with a knee injury and overall played 67% of the Raiders' offensive snaps.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Raiders gave Walford a pretty big chance to be the TE of the future with QB **Derek Carr** when they selected him #68 overall in 2015, but he's squandered the opportunity. With an ascending offense, the Raiders couldn't afford for their TE spot to be a black hole for another season, so they brought in **Jared Cook** to give this offense another dimension in the middle of the field and down the seams. This TE job now belongs to Cook, and even if he does get hurt, Walford has proven to be an underwhelming fantasy option—he's hit double-digit FPs in PPR formats just five times in 31 games to start his career.

49. GARRETT CELEK (SF, 29)

TALENT OVERVIEW: A former UDFA, Celek has solid size (6'5", 252 lbs.), but he's not much of an athlete and has yet to pick up one skill in the NFL at which he's above average. Celek is a sub-package player who, in theory, should be a good run blocker for his size. Instead, he's struggled mightily in the running game when given snaps and PFF graded him as one of the worst run blockers among tight ends in 2016.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Celek actually played on 59% of 'Niners snaps in 2016 and was active for all 16 games, but you wouldn't really know it from the box scores. He finished as the TE37 in PPR points/game, posting just 29/350/3 on 51 targets. Celek had two "big" games with over 75 yards, one of which was done filling in for the injured **Vance McDonald**, but he was unusable in all of his other contests. Celek had less than 25 yards receiving 12 times in 2016.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The 49ers shopped McDonald during the draft, but, unsurprisingly, they had no real takers. McDonald is still the 49ers best option at the position heading into training camp, but they are literally six-deep with potential options at the position with no real standouts, including Celek. The 49ers also gave offensive weapon **Kyle Juszcyk** a fat contract, and it's not out of the question that new HC **Kyle Shanahan** gives him snaps at TE as well. It's probably best to avoid the 49ers TEs for fantasy until this camp battle starts to crystalize a bit toward the end of training camp. Even if Celek emerges as the starter, he'll likely be off the fantasy radar with so much competition for snaps.

50. JOSH HILL (NO, 27)

TALENT OVERVIEW: Hill has decent size at 6'5", 250 lbs., but he hasn't been much more than a TD vulture in his first three seasons. He's an above-average athlete but hasn't seen much of the field early in his career because of his average blocking, making him a sub-package player. Hill has some versatility and nuance to his game, but that hasn't translated into much playing time.

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: After breaking his fibula in Week 13 and subsequently being placed on IR, Hill was unable to make strides after receiving a three-year extension in the 2016 offseason. He missed time due to an ankle injury in the first few weeks of 2016, and only played 56.3% of snaps when he was active during the entire season. Hill finished as the TE53 in PPR points/game on 15/149/1 (22 targets) receiving.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Hill should be ready to go for training camp after his 2016 campaign ended early due to a broken fibula. Prior to his Week 13 injury, he had jumped ahead of **Coby Fleener** on the team's TE depth chart, out-snapping him in five of seven games from Weeks 6-12. Hill and Fleener will likely battle it out for playing time once again in training camp, but the Saints will give Fleener every chance in the world to win the job, considering how much money ($18 million guaranteed) they have tied up in him. Hill will be off the fantasy radar to start the year, but keep an eye on him if Fleener, once again, finds his way into the **Drew Brees/Sean Payton** doghouse.

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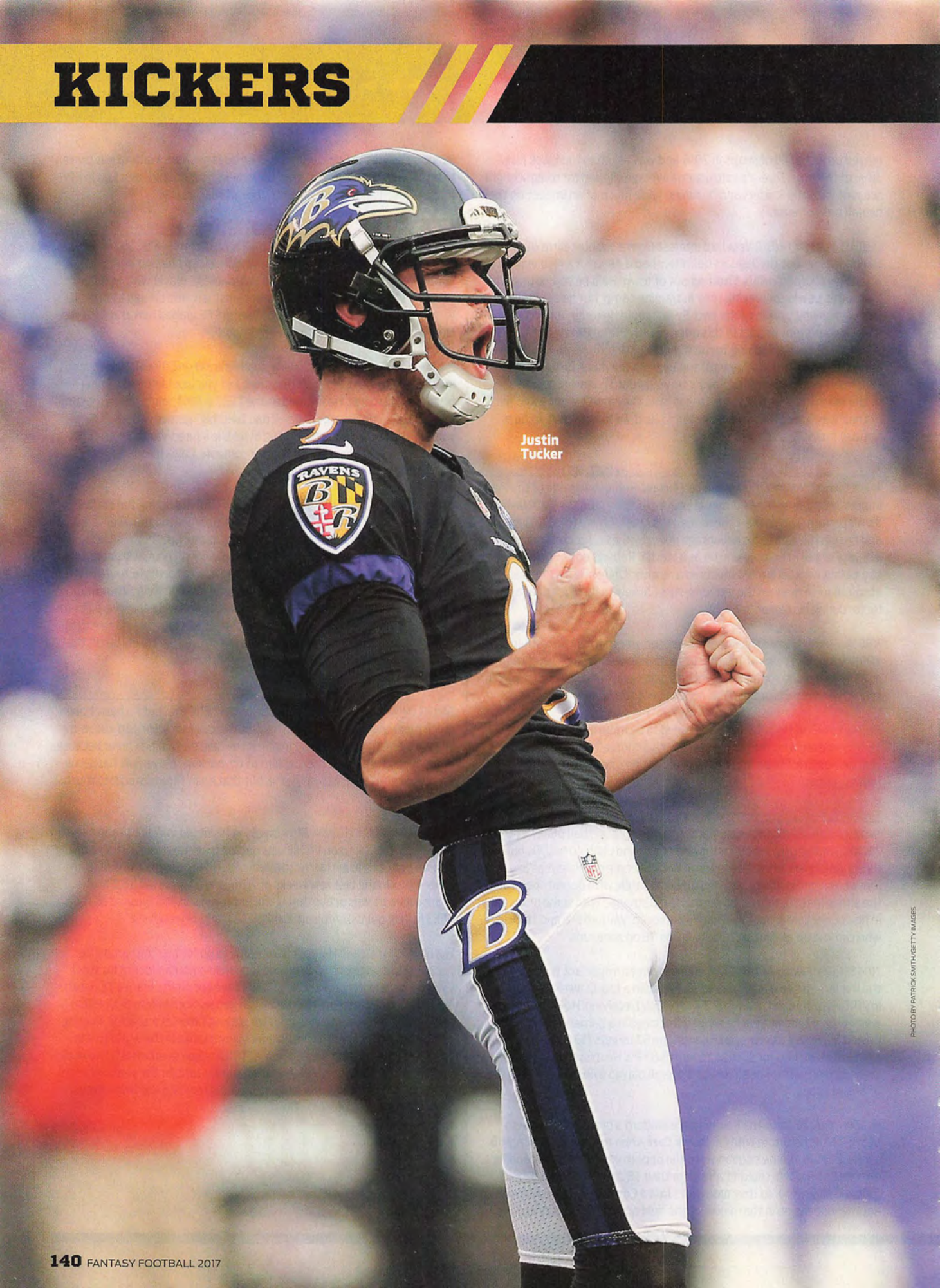

Justin Tucker

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1. JUSTIN TUCKER (BAL, 27)

Tucker has been on the verge of excellence for years now, finishing in the top 10 in FPG among kickers for four consecutive years. In his fifth year, he finished #2 overall with 8.8 FPG. Unlike **Matt Bryant**, who finished #1, Tucker attempted very few XPAs due to a mediocre Baltimore offense. However, Tucker more than made up for it in FGs, making 38 of 39, including a perfect 24/24 on FGs beyond 40 yards. He was also 10/10 from 50+ yards. Tucker is one of the best in game and more importantly, still one of the younger kickers. He has plenty of elite years ahead of him.

2. STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI (NE, 33)

Gostkowski finished outside the top 10 for kickers for the first time since 2010. He was very aware of his struggles in 2016, stating at one point, "No one feels worse about screwing up than I do." He actually had just 32 attempts on the year, missing 5 of them total, including two from 50+ yards. What was more surprising were his three misses on XPAs. The saving grace for him (and for fantasy, as he still finished 12th) was the Patriot offense that continued to score at will. Gostkowski attempted 49 XP, 3rd most in the league, and 46 of his 127 FPs came from XP alone. He gets a free pass and will obviously have a great shot to bounce back in 2017. The Pat offense looks even more lethal now, so while the FGAs may remain in the same range, he should be getting plenty of XPAs.

3. DUSTIN HOPKINS (WAS, 27)

At 81% FG completion, Hopkins was actually 21st among kickers. But thanks to the often high-powered Redskin offense, Hopkins had enough attempts to rank as the #3 kicker with 8.6 FPG. It's actually remarkable he finished that high, as he went 34/42 on the season and also missed 3 XPAs. Hopkins was also abysmal from long distances, going a measly 3/7 on FGs of 50+ yards, and 10/16 on FGs of 40+ yards. Still, his 42 FGAs were the most in the league and his 39 XPAs were tied for 12th. He'll again be in a good spot. Even though the team lost some of its weapons in free agency, they've re-tooled substantially and this should again be an offense that moves the ball easily. It's tough to back a PK with just an 81% completion rate, but we'll put our money on his attempts being high again.

4. MATT BRYANT (ATL, 42)

Bryant cashed in on an all-around astounding offensive season for the Falcons by leading the league with 9.9 FPG and bouncing back from a 2015 season in which he played only 10 games and averaged 6.8 FPG. Among kickers who played greater than 10 games in 2016, Bryant was 2nd in the league, converting 34 of 37 attempts for a 91.9% FG percentage. He also converted 56 of 57 XPAs thanks to Atlanta's high volume offense. He was practically automatic from all ranges with two of his three misses coming from 50+ yards. His long conversion of the season (59 yards) was 2nd best in the league. All the offensive pieces remain for this Falcon offense, but we think it will be difficult for them to score as many TDs as they did last season, which should open the door for Bryant. While he will be entering his age-42 season, there's still a lot to like about his 2017 prospects.

5. CALEB STURGIS (PHI, 28)

Our FantasyGuru.com scoring system ranked Sturgis 4th among kickers in 2016 with 8.44 FPG. He benefited greatly from Philadelphia's inability to finish off drives. His 41 FGA were 2nd most in the league, behind only Dustin Hopkins. And while he did miss 6 FGs, all of them came from 40+ yards out, going 7/11 on FGs of 40-49 yards and 4/6 on FGs of 50+ yards. Sturgis was 30/31 on XPAs. There's a lot to love about Sturgis heading into 2017. He's only 28 years old and the Eagles added some much needed offensive firepower in the offseason. Carson **Wentz** is only a sophomore, and he'll have a number of new toys to work with, so there will be offensive learning curves, which would require Sturgis to finish off a lot of drives. If the new offense meshes well, Sturgis has an even better chance to finish in the top 10.

6. CAIRO SANTOS (KC, 25)

Santos finished 2016 as the #8 kicker with 8.06 FPG. He converted 31 of 35 FGAs and a solid 36 of 39 XPAs, and his 39 XPAs were tied for 12th in the league. Santos was a direct recipient of **Tyreek Hill**'s explosiveness and **Travis Kelce**'s rise to stardom. Santos now has consecutive seasons of finishing in the top 10 for FPG. This year's Kansas City offense looks almost identical to last year's squad, which should give Santos another chance to be a consistent fantasy kicker.

7. NICK NOVAK (HOU, 36)

Novak tied for 10th in the NFL with 7.94 FPG, but he was fairly disappointing from a statistical perspective. Due to the horrendous Texan offense, he attempted just 25 XPs, tied for the 3rd lowest among PKs who played 10+ games ... and he missed three of them. He was 35/41 on FGAs (85.4%), but 23 of them came from inside 40 yards. He also missed six FGAs of 40+ yards. Novak wasn't immune to the struggles of the Texans' offense, so we can approach 2017 with a bit of cautious optimism. However, Novak is one of the older kickers in the league and will be turning 36 this season, and while he does kick inside a dome, 2016 showed that we might want to bite our nails if he lines up for one from long distance.

8. GRAHAM GANO (CAR, 30)

Gano missed eight FGAs on the year, and another three XPAs. He finished 16th in the league with 7.6 FPG after finishing 3rd in 2015. Most of Gano's misses came from long distance, where he was 3/6 on FGs of 50+ yards and 14/17 on FGs of 40-49 yards. The Panther offense as a whole was disappointing last year, but they did add some pieces in the offseason and through the draft that should help keep the chains moving. All things considered, Gano still has a good chance to reenter the top 10. He's no spring chicken anymore, but still has plenty of good years ahead of him.

9. DAN BAILEY (DAL, 29)

Bailey finished the season with 7.94 FPG, tied for 10th best among kickers. The new Cowboy offense led by **Dak Prescott** and **Ezekiel Elliott** proved more than capable of consistent scoring, helping Bailey to 46 XPAs, all of which he converted. His 46 XPAs were tied for 6th most in the league, and Bailey was only one of six kickers to convert every XPA. Bailey missed only five FGs on the season, all of them coming on kicks of 40+ yards. Bailey is still young at 29, and the Cowboys offense should be a good bet to score at will again, especially with another offseason under their young stars' belts. Remember, he's also kicking in a dome, which is a huge bonus. Bailey has spent some time as a top-10 kicker in his career, and we bet he's right back in the mix in 2017.

10. MASON CROSBY (GB, 33)

Thanks to the Packer offense, Crosby did attempt 47 XPs, tied for 4th most in the league, and only missed three. He also missed only four FGs on the season, but unfortunately had just 30 attempts (20th). The lack of FGAs were a big reason why he didn't finish higher at the end of the season. Crosby's 7.6 FPG were good to tie for 16th in the NFL. He did have three straight games of 10+ FPs between weeks 3 and 6, and only dipped below five FPs on two occasions. Crosby is one of the more attractive fantasy options for 2017 behind this offense, and he should find himself back in contention for a top 10 finish.

11. MATT PRATER (DET, 33)

Prater wasn't the most reliable kicker for fantasy in 2016, but he was at least on an offense that tended to stall out at times, opening the door for FGAs.

On the season, Prater was 31/36 (86.1%). He was nearly automatic from short-range, going 14/15 on FGs from 39 yards out or less, but was frustratingly inconsistent from farther out, going just 10/14 on FGs from 40-49 yards. His 33 XPAs were tied for 20th and he converted on 31. His saving grace was that he was a perfect 7/7 on FGs from 50+ yards out. The Lion offense has firepower, but injury and underwhelming performance derailed them at times in 2016. We hope to see a healthy backfield in 2017, which can only help Prater, and there's always upside with **Matthew Stafford** at the helm.

12. SEBASTIAN JANIKOWSKI (OAK, 39)

While the Raider offense climbed toward the top of the league, Janikowski remained a pedestrian, yet still reliable fantasy option in 2016, finishing with 7.8 FPG, good for 13th. He did miss six FGAs, going 29/35 on the season, and his 39 XPA were very mediocre, but Janikowski was money inside manageable range. Five of his six misses came from 50+ yards out (3/8), and he was 9/9 on FGs from 20-29 yards, 6/6 on FGs from 30-39 yards, and 10/11 on FGs from 40-49 yards. Janikowski is closing in on 39 and the clock is ticking, but he remains one of the more consistent kicker options, despite not finishing in the top 10 since 2011.

13. JOSH LAMBO (LAC, 26)

Lambo's 81.3% FG conversion rate (26/32 on the season) was 24th in the league, a big reason why he finished 18th in FPG (7.5). He can thank **Philip Rivers** and his arsenal of weapons for most of his production. Lambo attempted 46 XPs, converting 42 of them. Three of Lambo's six missed field goals came from 50+ yards out, two were from 40-49 yards, and there was a yanked chip shot. The Ram offense is full of playmakers: a myriad of receivers and tight ends, and of course Todd Gurley churning up the backfield. The Chargers should have no issue putting points on the board or getting into the red zone. If Lambo starts getting accurate with the leg cannon from long distance like he did in 2015 (4/5 on FGs of 50+ yards in 2015), he should make for an appealing option.

14. PHIL DAWSON (ARI, 42)

The 42-year old is in a great spot now after spending the last four years in San Francisco. His 21 FGAs in 2016 were among the lowest in the league, but that should be no surprise when you consider what he was working with. Dawson went 18/21 on FGAs and 33/34 on XPAs and should see a noticeable increase in both categories playing under a hopefully improved offense and a retractable roof. Dawson is one of the oldest kickers in the league, but he hasn't dipped below 80% FG conversion rate since 2006 and often hovers around 85%-90%. Dawson has a great shot to be a reliable fantasy starter this year. He replaces **Chandler Catanzaro**, who attempted 47 XPAs in 2016.

15. WIL LUTZ (NO, 23)

Lutz was 28/34 on the season, with four of his misses coming on FGAs of 50+ yards. His other two misses did come in easy range (30-39 yards), but he was solid the rest of the time from under 50 yards. It always helps when you're the kicker of a high-powered offense, aka the New Orleans Saints. Lutz attempted 50 XPAs—2nd most in the NFL—and converted 49 of them. Most kickers had trouble adjusting to the increased extra-point distance, so we love that Lutz missed just one ... and that he kicks in a dome. The Saints offense replaced **Brandin Cooks** with **Ted Ginn**, which is a bit of a downgrade, but **Drew Brees** still has a plethora of red-zone targets, including newly signed RB **Adrian Peterson**. Between the offensive firepower and the dome, we'd bet Lutz finishes towards the top again, as his 8.31 FPG was 6th best in 2016.

16. CHRIS BOSWELL (PIT, 26)

Boswell was a perfect 36/36 on XPAs, one of only a few kickers to remain perfect on PATs. He did, however, miss four FGs on only 25 attempts (t-23rd). The severe lack of attempts certainly didn't help his fantasy value, and his 6.6 FPG average was the league's 10th worst. The Steelers resigned Boswell in the offseason to a one-year deal, and at least he has the benefit of working with an offense full of playmakers. You could do worse for fantasy.

17. ADAM VINATIERI (IND, 44)

Vinatieri wasn't exactly himself last year, but neither were the Colts. He finished 15th among PKs with 7.8 FPG by our site default, and he had four misses, which was rather uncharacteristic. But, he still held up as a reliable option, making *all* 44 XPAs. He was 10/10 on FGs under 40 yards, but ran into trouble outside that. All four of his misses came from beyond 40+ yards out. It's encouraging that he still managed 21 attempts from 40+ yards, including nine from 50+ yards, but we'd like to see a little more stability from a guy who kicks in a dome during home games. No need to sugarcoat it, Vinatieri (44) is 11 years away from free coffee at McDonald's. With only one year remaining on his contract, he'll be looking to remind the younger guys that he's still king of the uprights.

18. BRANDON MCMANUS (DEN, 26)

You can usually make a judgment about a team's offense based on how many XPs their kicker attempted. In the case of Denver, McManus attempted just 33, 21st in the league. He did only miss one, joining a rather exclusive club of only 10 kickers. McManus was 29/34 on FGAs, with all five of his misses coming from attempts of 40+ yards. He was a perfect 19/19 inside the 40. The offense is still working out the kinks, as well as their QB situation with **Trevor Siemian** and **Paxton Lynch** duking it out. But Denver is still loaded with playmakers capable of moving the chains. If the Broncos can gain some momentum, McManus should be a good horse to ride in 2017.

19. STEVEN HAUSCHKA (BUF, 32)

It will be interesting to see Hauschka in something other than green. Now a member of the Bills, Hauschka is coming off yet another top-10 fantasy finish in 2016. On the year, Hauschka was 33/37 on FGAs, missing a few from long range (8/10 on FGs from 40-49 yards). He did, unfortunately, also miss some chip shots, but it's the six missed XPs on 35 attempts that's even more concerning. Hauschka was a decent fantasy starter for most of the season and that will likely continue if the Bills maintain their run-first offense. Frankly, we'd put our money on the Bills stalling out just as they get inside his range.

20. KAI FORBATH (MIN, 30)

Forbath only appeared in seven games for the Vikings last year, replacing **Blair Walsh** in mid-November. And while the Viking offense was a yawner, Forbath converted all 15 FGAs, the bulk of them coming from inside the 40-yard line. However, he missed three XPs on only 14 attempts. Forbath had some efficient seasons in Washington, but he's never been a desirable fantasy commodity. A lot depends on how this offense rallies in the absence of Adrian Peterson. If **Stefon Diggs** can stay healthy, and **Laquon Treadwell** can take a leap forward, Forbath could be in line for a boost in attempts.

21. ALDRICK ROSAS (NYG, 22)

Rosas left Southern Oregon University in 2016 and signed with the Titans as an undrafted rookie free agent ... but he never made it through training camp and was also passed up by the Cowboys and Vikings. He may still be green, but even a well-trained kangaroo would be a better alternative to last year's NY nightmare. Rosas will look to reinsert some much-needed stability at the kicker position. He has a monster leg and has earned the respect of many teammates, with one saying he has "ice in his veins." It's still possible that the Giants add a veteran for competition purposes, but we expect Rosas to have the inside track to the starting job. He did miss the 2015 season with a torn ACL, but made 25 of 32 FGAs from 2013-2014.

22. JASON MYERS (JAC, 26)

Myers missed seven FGs on the season, but thanks to the lackluster Jacksonville offense, the majority of his attempts were from long range where he blasted seven of 12 FGs from 50+ yards and 10 of 11 from 40-49 yards. Only two of his seven misses were from less than 50 yards, so you may want to overlook his FG percentage. To put that in perspective, 11 kickers didn't even *attempt* five FGs of 50+ yards. He's still playing for the Jags, but they do have a shiny new toy in rookie RB **Leonard Fournette.** We thought it would be tough for Bortles and company to replicate their 2015 and 2016 performances, and we find it just as hard to believe they'll be as *bad* in 2017 as they were last year. Myers isn't an elite option yet, so keep an eye on the Jacksonville offense before you decide to make him a fantasy starter.

23. RYAN SUCCOP (TEN, 31)

We really like this Tennessee offense and think they can make a significant leap in 2017 with the addition of rookie **Corey Davis**—especially if **Marcus Mariota** is healthy—but Succop has proven he's a better streamer than a starter. He converted 39/41 XPAs in 2016, but had just 24 FGAs on the season. He was 22/24, with both of his misses coming from 50+ yards out. If this offense performs as well as we think they can, Succop should be in line for plenty more XPAs.

24. ANDREW FRANKS (MIA, 24)

Franks' 42 XPAs were 10th most in the league last year, but unfortunately his 21 attempts were one of the lowest, and he missed 5 of them for an abysmal 76.2% FG conversion rate. What was more disconcerting about that performance was his two misses inside the 20. We like the Miami offense this season, but it's tough to like Franks, who has just two FGs of 50+ yards in two years and a total of 29 FGs.

25. ROBERTO AGUAYO (TB, 23)

As recently as February, GM Jason Licht said that Aguayo "needs to have a great camp" to make the team... not the best news for a former 2nd-round pick. Aguayo missed an astonishing nine FGs in 2016, going 22/31 (71%). He performed just fine in close range, but was painful to watch on lengthier FGAs, going 4/11 on FGs of 40+ yards. If Aguayo *does* make the team, he'll likely be behind **Nick Folk** on the depth chart to start the season. If he somehow manages to win the starting job, the Buc offense should have no trouble getting high attempts. For what it's worth, Aguayo did go nine for 12 over the final five games of the season. That's certainly not great, but it does show that there's been some improvement ... we'll just have to see how much.

26. RANDY BULLOCK (CIN, 27)

Bullock replaced **Mike Nugent** towards the end of the 2016 season, and proved to be a more efficient kicker, going 5/6 in FGAs. He did, unfortunately, miss what could have been a game-winner. Bullock hasn't been stellar in his short career, so it's no coincidence the Bengals took **Jake Elliott**—the stud kicker out of Memphis—in the 5th round of the draft. Our money is on Elliott to open up camp as the favorite.

27. BLAIR WALSH (SEA, 27)

The former Viking kicker since 2012 now replaces **Steven Hauschka** in Seattle as the team's kicker. He's been one of the most reliable kickers since he entered the league in 2012 aside from a few hiccups. Unfortunately, 2016 was one big hiccup. Walsh was just 12/16 on FGAs and 15/19 on XPAs. It's usually a bad sign when a guy known for his powerful leg misses three FGs from 40+ yards. But it's also possible Walsh just needs a change of scenery. He's incredibly talented and was a top-10 kicker in FPG twice in his career. He should wind up as an excellent fantasy option if he can get back on track in a Seattle uniform.

28. CODY PARKEY (CLE, 25)

It was once looking like Parkey was the future long-term kicker for the Eagles back in 2014, but injuries forced him to take a back seat to **Caleb Sturgis**. Now he's entering his second season as the Browns kicker. He wasn't terrible last year, going 20/25 on FGAs and missing only one XPA, but lack of volume deflated most of his fantasy value. The Browns won't be scoring in bunches, so we can't expect his 21 XPAs in 2016 to skyrocket in 2017, but if he can regain his 2014 form (32/36 for 88.9%), he'll at least be a serviceable streamer ... provided the Brown offense can get things churning a bit. Unfortunately, the Browns signed **Zane Gonzalez** in the draft, a phenom from Arizona State, so it's likely Parkey slips to #2 on the depth chart.

29. ROBBIE GOULD (SF, 35)

The long-time Bear kicker turned short-term Giant kicker is now a 49er, replacing **Phil Dawson** who left for Arizona. Gould was signed by the Giants mid-season after the **Josh Brown** fiasco, so while he finished with just 5.0 FPG, he did convert all 10 of his FGAs, including four between 40-49 yards. Gould missed three XPAs during his time in New York last year. The veteran has been pretty reliable in the past, but we worry a bit about the efficiency of the San Francisco offense and how often he'll get a chance to produce.

30. CHANDLER CATANZARO (NYJ, 26)

Despite the struggles of the Cardinal offense at times, Catanzaro mainly has David Johnson to thank for his XPAs. He attempted 47, tied for 4th in the league, and converted on 43 attempts. Unfortunately, he missed 21 of 28 FGAs on the season, including three from 50+ yards. He's a Jet now, so we have to temper our expectations and wait and see how this offense fairs with **Josh McCown** currently pegged as the starter.

31. CONNOR BARTH (CHI, 31)

The Bears resigned Barth to a one-year deal after a very disappointing season where he was just 18/23 on FGAs (78.3%). He did convert all but one XPA, and he's historically above the 80-85% mark on FGAs. Barth is a true journeyman who has spent time with five different teams. There's still a chance the Bears bring in some competition, but we like his odds to win the starting job. The Bears don't have the most explosive offense, but Barth should still make for a serviceable streamer.

32. GREG ZUERLEIN (LAR, 29)

Zuerlein was resigned by the Rams in March to a three-year deal, despite being rather inefficient over the last few seasons. He finished with a horrendous 5.0 FPG in 2016, good for 34th in the league, thanks largely to a poor Ram offense. Thankfully, he did convert all 23 of his XPAs. Zuerlein's perceived value depends on how much the Ram offense improves under **Sean McVay,** and whether **Jared Goff** can make an impact in Year 2.

33. NICK FOLK (TB, 32)

All things considered, Folk's 2016 performance on a team with an anemic offense wasn't too terrible. While he still ranked just 27th with 6.56 FPG, he had just four misses on the season, two of which were from 50+ yards out. Now in Tampa Bay, we should see a full-on kicker competition between Folk and **Roberto Aguayo**, who had quite a forgettable rookie season. Considering Aguayo's 2016 performance, Folk is more than just camp competition. He's still fairly young and has plenty of experience. We'll have to wait and see how things shake out in camp before determining if he's a viable fantasy option, but if he does earn the starting job, at least he's in an offense that should score at will in 2017.

DEFENSE/SPECIAL TEAMS

2016 Defensive Player of the Year, Khalil Mack #52, finished the season with 11 sacks, 5 forced fumbles, and 1 INT, which he returned for a 6-yard TD.

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DEFENSE/SPECIAL TEAMS

1 KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Chiefs D struggled to get the QB (an abysmal 28 sacks), but their 18 INTs, 15 FRs, and a whopping 8 DST TDs (thanks in large part to **Tyreek Hill**) helped them become last season's top fantasy DST unit (9.0 FPG). Owners were rewarded with a string of double-digit fantasy performances (four of them between Weeks 7 and 10), and a 28 FP performance in Week 3. They also allowed only 311 points on the season, 7th fewest in the NFL. As a run-stopping machine, they were a *great* NFL defense but more of a *good, reliable* fantasy DST (9.0 FPG is actually the lowest FPG for a #1 fantasy defense in over a decade).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: A healthy **Justin Houston** could make all the difference in the world in 2017. They should be one of the first two or three fantasy DSTs selected in drafts, as they have immense DST TD upside. We'd like to see their sack total get back to the 40s, which is very possible, but we have concerns at CB (though they have some depth). Nevertheless, this is a D you will want to draft sooner rather than later and hang on to for the entirety of the season.

2 DENVER BRONCOS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Denver continued to be a dominant fantasy defense, finishing eighth with 7.5 FPG and placing near the top in most statistical categories. They're stifling defense recorded 42 sacks (t-3rd) to go along with 14 INTs (t-12th) and 13 FRs (t-4th). More impressively, they allowed just 297 points on the year, 4th fewest in the league, making them a consistent reliable fantasy defense week in and week out. They did falter a bit down the stretch, scoring 2 FPs in three straight games (Weeks 14–16), but finished in the double digits on four occasions.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: There's a new DC in town, but his familiarity with the Wade Phillips offense should keep this defense dominant, especially for fantasy. They have one of the best lockdown secondaries in the game, and you can anticipate plenty of INTs and expect the defense as a whole to keep opponent scoring to a minimum. Denver should be one of the first DSTs drafted, as their sack totals and INT totals are safe and reliable.

3 MINNESOTA VIKINGS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Minnesota was an absolute beast to start the season, but unfortunately crumbled down the stretch, both for NFL and fantasy purposes. They began the year with three straight double-digit FP performances, including games of 20 and 22 FPs, but finished the year with fewer than 7 FPs in three of their final four games. They totaled 41 sacks on the year, tied for 5th, had a respectable 14 INTs and finished tied for 4th with 13 FRs. Most impressive, however, was their 7 DST TDs.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: A good portion of their big-play ability will be leaving, as **Cordarrelle Patterson** is gone, but they still do have some dominant talent, especially on the back end with **Xavier Rhodes** and **Terence Newman**. This is a DST that has been in the top 10 for three straight years (including last year's #2 finish), and you can't go wrong drafting them. Any improvement in play at the LB position will only increase their effectiveness, as the front and back ends of the D remained solid for most of the season. It's entirely possible that you can get value in this defense as well, considering they faded down the stretch. But make no mistake; the Vikings still have the composition of an elite fantasy DST.

4 HOUSTON TEXANS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: After back-to-back seasons in the top 12, including a 2014 season that saw the Texans DST finish 2nd in fantasy scoring, their DST was one of the more disappointing units in 2016, finishing with just 31 sacks (t-24th) primarily due to **J.J. Watt**'s absence. Their 11 INTs were tied for 21st, and they managed just 2 DST TDs. Not surprisingly, though, they were a much better NFL defense, allowing 328 points (11th fewest) in the league.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We're all in on the Houston DST becoming an elite unit once again. Their roster is filled with talent, and after **Jadeveon Clowney**'s coming-out party in 2016, this front 7 should be lethal as long as Watt can stay healthy. Look for them to increase their sack total and keep opponent scoring to a minimum. You should be able to get some value from them as well since their 2016 disappointment may drive some owners to take the likes of KC, Atl, Phi, Den, and Car before them.

5 PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Eagles now have three consecutive years as a top-10 fantasy defense. They finished 6th in 2016 with 7.6 FPG, thanks in large part to their 5 DST TDs. They were 9th in the league in interceptions (16 INTs) and 9th in fumble recoveries (10 FRs). Their 35 sacks were tied for 13th, but they are much more capable of creating havoc than their sack total indicates. They did have some disappointing games in 2016, including six games of 5 or fewer FPs, but they finished the year with 10, 7, 12, and 9 FPs, and even opened the season with 7, 9, and 10 FPs. Philly did have a rough schedule, including @NYG, Atl, @Sea and GB in the middle of the season, so we can't fault them for being a midseason letdown. They allowed a good number of points each week, but made up for it with some big plays.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Simply put, the potential here is pretty massive. They have 12 total TDs the last two seasons, and their pass rush should yield higher sack numbers. They're a strong starter and should be one of the first 5 DSTs taken. Another year in DC **Jim Schwartz**'s 4–3 defense should help, and they beefed up the defensive line, acquiring **Timmy Jernigan** and **Chris Long** in the offseason and drafting **Derek Barnett**. Do what you can to scoop them up before someone else does.

6 CAROLINA PANTHERS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Carolina continued its run of being a top-tier fantasy option in 2016, finishing with 8.0 FPG, tied for 3rd best with Arizona. Like Arizona, Carolina was a sack machine, totaling 48 sacks on the year (tied with Arizona for the best), and finishing tied for 4th with 17 INTs. They did only have 3 DST TDs, a fairly pedestrian number, but their 3 blocked kicks were best in the league. They were frustrating at times, however, allowing 402 points on the season—7th most in the league—and mixing dominant fantasy perfor-

mances with headaches. They had four games of double-digit FP performances but also five performances of 5 or fewer FPs.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The bottom line is the same as it's been the last several years. The Panthers will be a top fantasy option yet again, considering the number of returning players like **Star Lotulelei**, **Kawann Short**, and **Charles Johnson**. It was encouraging to see the INT total remain near the top even after Josh Norman departed, so it's safe to count on this secondary stepping up again, especially since they brought in **Captain Munnerlynn**. The Panthers may not be one of the first three fantasy defenses taken—and perhaps they shouldn't be—but look out for some big games again from them.

7 LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: When you think of the Chargers, you usually think of **Philip Rivers** and their high-scoring offense. What may surprise you is that last year the Charger DST finished in the top 5 with 7.7 FPG, thanks to 35 sacks and 18 INTs (t-1st). Their electrifying 5 DST TDs helped the cause, propelling them to the top of the defensive must-start class. Rarely did they dip below 5 FPs, making them a slightly reliable option. They also finished the season averaging 8 FPG in the last three games.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: A lot depends on getting **Joey Bosa** on the field for a full season. The DE was flat-out dominant once he ended his holdout and got up to speed on the field, so it's very acceptable to think their sack total will increase from a top-15 D to a top-10 D. There will be a shift in scheme, which typically requires a learning curve, but we like the overall personnel, and they could still be a DST worth drafting in the 15th round if the pickings are slim. They have the talent to rack up sacks and INTs, as well as a handful of big-play guys, which makes them a worthy defensive option.

8 NEW YORK GIANTS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: One of the more consistent fantasy DSTs in 2016, the G-Men finished with 7.1 FPG (9th in the league) and marking their second consecutive top-10 year. Their 35 sacks were only tied for 13th, but their 17 INTs were tied for 4th, and they added 4 DST TDs, pushing them ahead of other solid Ds such as Baltimore, Seattle, and Pittsburgh, which only mustered 1–2 TDs. They did have a red mark on their season, however: two goose-eggs within the first four weeks of the season. They were very much a hit-or-miss defense for much of the year, but they allowed only 284 points on the season, 2nd fewest in the league.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Giants are almost a sneaky DST pick, as teams like Carolina and Denver will almost certainly get drafted before them. But, with a formidable D-line led by **Jason Pierre-Paul** and **Olivier Vernon**, they should have no problem replicating or increasing their sack total from last year. The addition of **Janoris Jenkins** could be a *monster* difference-maker, and we wouldn't be surprised if they led the league in INTs, especially if CB **Eli Apple** continues to improve. Keep your eye out for them in the final two rounds, especially if other owners are too eager to jump on the obvious first choices.

9 ATLANTA FALCONS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Atlanta was a good team defense to have on your roster last year, but by no means were they elite, finishing with 6.8 FPG (t-10th). They did manage to force 10 fumbles, tied for 9th, but finished with a very average 35 sacks (t-13th) and 12 INTs (t-18th). Despite those average numbers, the dirty birds had some great fantasy games during the season, putting up double-digit FPs on four occasions. On the flip side, they also tallied fewer than 5 FPs on a whopping nine occasions largely due to their abysmal PA stats. The Falcons allowed 406 points, 6th most in the league, including allowing 30+ points on six occasions, while holding the opponent to below 20 only five times. For what it's worth, four of those games where they held opponents to fewer than 20 points came in the final six weeks of the season.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: This defense looks good ... and we mean pretty damn good. There's no doubt that drafting **Takkarist McKinley** will help increase the team's sack total, while a healthy **Desmond Trufant** on the back end could ramp up the INT production. **Dan Quinn** has equipped this defense with enough personnel that they should look intimidating on paper, but remember that NFL talent and fantasy production don't always correlate. This is still a team that will likely allow a decent number of points (just think of all the Ryan-Brees shootouts). They could, however, make for a top-5 option, as they're well rounded enough to fill up the stat sheet in most defensive categories.

10 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Pats defense was mediocre in nearly every respect, finishing with 34 sacks (t-17th) and 13 INTs (t-15th). On the season, they finished with 5.6 FPG (18th), largely because they had 0 DST TDs. Lack of big-play ability is always a deterrent for fantasy owners, but the Pats defense for NFL purposes was impenetrable, allowing just 250 points on the season, fewest in the league *by 34 points*. They did finish the season strong, with 10 FPs in two of their final three games, but simply didn't make enough big plays during the majority of the season to warrant much consideration on the WW.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: They return with most of their starters on D, and added DE **Kony Ealy** to fill out their line, leaving us pretty optimistic that their sack total will receive a boost. Their secondary is one of the best in the NFL, but they're more of a shutdown unit for NFL purposes than fantasy. However, the addition of **Stephon Gilmore** in the offseason should yield more INTs for a unit already filled with talented playmakers like **Malcolm Butler**, **Devin McCourty**, and **Patrick Chung**. The reality is that the Pats D was only a couple big plays away from being a top-12 fantasy DST on the season, so we like them as a sleeper pick after the top-tier units have been drafted.

11 SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: For the third consecutive year, the Seahawks defense finished outside the top 10 after finishing inside the top 10 for three straight seasons. They averaged 7.5 FPG in 2016, ranking 13th behind the Patriots, and they scored just 1 DST TD. They did give up the 4th fewest points allowed with 286 and the

5th fewest yards allowed with 5371. They held opponents to under 10 points an impressive four times last season, and under 20 points nine times. They also gave up 28+ points just twice. Although they weren't the defensive powerhouse they had been in previous years, they still netted 42 sacks (t-3rd with the Broncos) thanks to DE **Cliff Avril** (11.5) and **Frank Clark** (10). CB **Richard Sherman** led the team with 4 INTs, but they had just 11 picks overall.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Seahawks are perennially one of the first DSTs selected every summer, but they haven't finished as a top-8 fantasy unit since 2013, so they haven't backed up their lofty standing in the fantasy world. They've been a much better unit in reality than in fantasy recently, as their INT, FR, and TD totals haven't been as plentiful as they were in the past. The Seahawks will continue to be overdrafted in most formats that favor turnovers and big plays on defense. They'll continue to be one of the better fantasy defenses in leagues that focus on points allowed/yards allowed because they can stifle opposing offenses, and this secondary is certainly capable of big plays. A healthy **Tyler Lockett** would also amp up their return game, and they have a pretty relaxed schedule once they get past the Packers in Week 1, as they'll face the 49ers, Titans, Colts, and Rams in Weeks 2–5.

12 GREEN BAY PACKERS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: In a bizarre twist, the Packers actually look worse on paper as an NFL defense than they do as a fantasy defense. They were in the bottom 12 for both yards allowed and points allowed on the season, but finished right smack in the middle with 5.7 FPG (16th). They tallied an impressive 41 sacks and 17 INTs, but scored 0 DST TDs—the main reason they didn't finish in the top-12. They scored double-digit FPs only once during the season, but also only fell below 5 FPs five times, averaging around a solid 6 FPs.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Since the Packers' DST had great numbers overall last year but no DSTs, we can head into 2017 with fairly high hopes that just 1 or 2 DST TDs will propel them into the top 12. While it's likely that Green Bay is involved in plenty of high-scoring affairs, some offseason additions could slightly alleviate the problem. Look for solid stats once again, and they should make for a great streaming option.

13 TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Bucs quietly had a top-10 fantasy season according to our FantasyGuru.com scoring system, averaging 8.9 FPG to finish 6th behind the Dolphins. The Bucs tied the Chiefs for a league-best 4 interception-return TDs, and they had 17 INTs overall, led by CB **Brent Grimes** and SS **Keith Tandy**, who each had 4. They also tied for 9th with 39 sacks, due in large part to a balanced pass-rushing attack with four players accumulating 5+ sacks (**Gerald McCoy**, **Robert Ayers**, **Noah Spence**, and **Lavonte David**). They finished 15th in points allowed with 355, but they did give up 6121 yards (ninth most). The Bucs allowed 28+ points five times last season, but offset that with four games of 14 or fewer points.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Bucs have a number of talented players on defense including several ballhawks at linebacker and in the secondary who are capable of creating big plays this season. They also ended 2016 strong with 8 INTs and 2 interception-return TDs in their final five games, as they started to come together in the first year of **Mike Smith**'s defense. The Buccaneers have what looks like a good opening slate to start the season, against three of the friendlier opposing offenses (Dolphins, Bears, and Giants) from last season in the first four weeks. The Bucs have been pretty consistent with sacks, INTs, and TDs the last two years, so they're shaping up to be a viable fringe starter at the end of drafts, especially if they get off to a good start. They could also be on the rise with a full year playing for Smith under their belts.

14 ARIZONA CARDINALS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Cardinals have now been a top-5 fantasy DST in three of the last four years, finishing 3rd in 2016 with 8.0 FPG. While their 14 INTs were rather pedestrian, especially for a team so riddled with talent on the back end, they led the league in sacks (48). OLB **Markus Golden** paved the road with 12.5 sacks, while OLB **Chandler Jones** followed with 11. Incredibly, the team had just 3 DST TDs, two of which were pick-6s. From a yards and points perspective, they were rather hit-or-miss, as they have been over the last few years, holding opponents to fewer than 21 points six times but also allowing 30+ points on six occasions. It's a bit disconcerting that their special teams didn't yield a return TD, but we'll take the surplus in other areas. Similar to 2015, they were the top defense some weeks and disappeared in others, tallying 15+ FPs on three occasions, 10+ FPs on five occasions, but also dipping below 6 FPs seven times.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: With the Cardinals, you're getting plenty of chances for picks and sacks, but you're also running the risk of some duds as well. They might be one of the more feared secondaries (and defenses) in the league, but keep in mind they came up huge in some instances, but were worthless in others. There's no doubt this Arizona secondary is capable of amassing 15+ INTs on the year, and the playmakers they have on the first and second levels of the defense will rack up sacks. It's also appealing that they play **Jared Goff** twice.

15 PITTSBURGH STEELERS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Drafting the Pittsburgh D by name only probably led to a lot of disappointing fantasy owners in 2016, especially to start the season (performances of 4, 5, 0, 8, 3, and 2 FPs). They did get things together down the stretch, tallying five performances of 7+ FPs in the final seven games. Still, their 5.9 FPG total was tied for 13th—which may not seem all that bad, but this was simply a horrendous FP total all around when you consider the Chiefs' 9 FPs was the lowest #1 DST point total in over a decade. They did have a respectable 38 sacks and 10 FRs, but with just 1 DST TD, there simply wasn't much to get excited about.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Steelers D sack total dropped from 48 to 38 with only 1 TD last year, so they're simply not a D to consider as your starter. While they may be a solid backup option during a bye week, we're not sure how long **James Harrison** can keep up his play, particularly after they let **Lawrence Timmons** walk. They have the talent, but without significant signs of production in 2016, it's difficult to remain optimistic this season.

16 BALTIMORE RAVENS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: At 6.6 FPG, the Ravens finished 12th in the league and were again a viable streaming option, if not safe starting DST to hold on to. It was a bit disconcerting that they managed just 2 DST TDs, and they've shown regression in the sack area for a couple years now (just 31 in 2016, 24th in the league), but their 18 INTs were tied with the Chiefs and Chargers for the top spot. On another positive note, they allowed 321 points on the season, 9th fewest in the league. In a division featuring **Antonio Brown** and **A.J. Green**, they did a pretty good job limiting the damage (allowing the Steelers to average just 22.5 PPG in two games and holding the Bengals to 20.5 PPG in two games). They also kept their opponents in single digits on three occasions and allowed 30+ points just twice.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: This isn't the Baltimore fantasy defense of the late 2000s, nor is it the 50-sack unit of 2014. It is, however, a talented bunch in the process of rebuilding. It could be another couple of years before this defense returns to utter dominance from a football perspective, and we're not expecting to see a major uptick in sacks and QB pressure, but the presence of **Eric Weddle** and **Tony Jefferson** on the back end should be a crucial factor for fantasy. Don't be surprised to see the Ravens remain at the top of the INT total at the end of 2017, and they could produce top-5 numbers if everyone remains healthy.

17 WASHINGTON REDSKINS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Redskins did a good job getting to the QB last year, finishing tied for 9th with 38 sacks. OLBs **Ryan Kerrigan** and **Trent Murphy** led the way with 11 and 9 sacks, respectively. CBs **Josh Norman** and **Bashaud Breeland** each had 3 INTs as the Redskins tied for 15th in INTs with 13. The Redskins finished 20th in FPG last season with 6.6, ranking behind the Bears. They also gave up the 15th most points with 359 and the 5th most yards with 6299. The Redskins allowed 27+ points on six occasions, and they gave up 14 or fewer points just once.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Redskins spent four draft picks in the first four rounds on defense, a clear signal they are looking to significantly upgrade a defense that essentially kept them from making the postseason, even with addition of top CB **Josh Norman**. They have made improvements but are likely still a couple bodies away from being an impactful fantasy unit. On the bright side, if **Jamison Crowder** continues to return punts, he's capable of taking one to the house at any point. The Redskins aren't really draft worthy, but they could be a streaming option in the right matchups.

18 OAKLAND RAIDERS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Talk about disparity. The Raider DST finished with 5.7 FPG, tied for 16th in the league. They were top 10 in interceptions with 16 INTs, and ranked 2nd in fumble recoveries with 14. Unfortunately, they were also dead last in the league with 25 sacks and mustered just 1 DST TD. One thing the Raider DST had was consistency. While they did dip below 5 FPs on six occasions, they had 6 consecutive 6+ FP games, including a 12 FP performance. They weren't a drafted defense or a viable option at the start of the season, but were one of the more consistent streaming options midseason during the bye weeks.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: Oakland's defense didn't get enough credit for their part in helping the Raiders reach the playoffs. And perhaps they didn't get enough credit either for being a fairly consistent fantasy defense. We saw **Khalil Mack** put together an epic season, but he had no help on the D-line otherwise. That could change this year, as the team drafted two defensive linemen. There's no way to go but up for their abysmal sack total, but there are some questions in the secondary. It's not worth it to draft Oakland, but it's certainly worth it to keep an eye on them and maybe pick them as a secondary defense midseason.

19 MIAMI DOLPHINS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Miami showed some big-play abilities on defense and ST last year, totaling 4 DST TDs and finishing as a top-12 DST with 6.8 FPG (t-10th). While they weren't remarkable in any one category, they were one of the more reliable units in the league for fantasy, putting up back-to-back double-digit FP performances on two occasions and falling below 5 FPs just three times during the first half of the season. They were toward the bottom in the sack department (33) but were tied for 9th with 16 INTs on the year.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: It's tough to really back a defense that put up just 33 sacks last year, but we can at least bank on them making a couple of big plays. With new DC **Matt Burke** expecting to run the same 4–3 Cover 1/Cover 3 scheme as Vance Joseph last year, there won't be any learning curve. Surprisingly, their secondary play was worse on tape than on paper, so we can hope they remain toward the top in INT totals.

20 TENNESSEE TITANS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Titans had one of the best pass-rushing units last season, racking up 40 sacks, which was good for 6th best. The Titans had one of the better pass-rushing tandems, with OLB **Brian Orakpo** snagging 10.5 sacks and OLB **Derrick Morgan** adding 9. They tied for 18th in INTs (12), and they scored just 1 D/ST TD. The Titans finished tied for 24th with the Cowboys with just 6.38 FPG last season. They finished a respectable 13th in points allowed (328), giving up 28+ points just twice all season. Then again, they didn't allow 14 or fewer points in any games last season.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Titans drafted CB **Adoree' Jackson** in the 1st round of the draft and brought in CB **Logan Ryan** in free agency, plugging their biggest hole from last season in the secondary. Still, they did little else to drastically improve a below-average defense from last season. At least the Titans do get the benefit of playing in the AFC South, which has some of the friendliest fantasy matchups in the league, as they'll face the Jaguars, Texans, and Colts offenses twice. The Titans have flirted with respectability recently because of a solid pass rush, but they'll merely be a streaming option to start the year unless they suddenly start making big plays. At least the Titans offense will control the ball with their running game, which helps the Titans in leagues that put more weight on points allowed.

DEFENSE/SPECIAL TEAMS

21 JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Ugh. Just ugh all around on both sides for the 2016 Jags. Their DST finished at 4.6 FPG (3rd worst), a year after being a decent streaming option (they finished 18th). 33 sacks, 7 INTs, 6 FRs, and 2 DST TDs? No thanks. The Jags seemed to be a team everyone was disappointed in on both sides of the ball, so we can leave it at that.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: They've done well in FA the last couple seasons, and while we're not holding our breath for a great fantasy year, this could be the season they take a step forward. The addition of **Calais Campbell** should help up their sack total, and the acquisition of **A.J. Bouye** is huge. Expect all-around increases in their stats, but hold off on drafting them. They should be a solid waiver wire pickup or streaming option if their talent fulfills their possible production.

22 CINCINNATI BENGALS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Another defense that performed better on the field than in fantasy. They allowed just 315 points all season—8th fewest in the league—but finished with 4.8 FPG, ranking them 25th. They were able to put pressure on the QB, but it only resulted in 33 sacks, tied for 19th. Meanwhile, they had just 3 FRs on the year, tied for worst in the league, and mustered only 1 DST TD. The Bengals' DST never hit greater than 9 FPs in any game all season long; however, they were a safe bet to get you 5 FPs as a streamer any given week.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We like Cincy a whole heck of a lot more as an NFL defense than a fantasy defense. Their D-line is solid, featuring **Carlos Dunlap**, **Michael Johnson**, and **Geno Atkins**—and those three guys will certainly get to the QB. However, the defense as a whole doesn't have as many explosive playmakers as some of the top-tier fantasy defenses, so don't count on seeing multiple pick-6s or return TDs. Overall, they'll be a safe pick and have good games, but will unlikely have 15+ FP outbursts.

23 NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: No thanks, no thanks. The Saint defense put up 2 or fewer FPs last season on six occasions, and topped 7 FPs just three times all season. On the whole, they finished with 4.6 FPG, tied for the 3rd fewest. Their 30 sacks were 6 fewest in the league, while their 9 INTs were tied for 5th fewest. Additionally, they had no DST TDs, which is usually a recipe for finishing in the bottom half of fantasy defenses. And, of course, they again finished towards the top of PA, allowing 454 on the season, 2nd most in the league.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We're not exactly burying the Saint defense, because there's always the possibility of improvement, but they'll be a better *NFL* defense long before they'll be a better *fantasy* defense. We're excited to see what their 1st-round draft pick **Marshon Lattimore** can add on the back end to help their abysmal PA and INT numbers. There are way too many better options out there, which will likely continue throughout the season.

24 DETROIT LIONS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: In all likelihood, the Detroit fantasy DST spent 90% of the season on your waiver wire, as they finished 22nd in the league in fantasy points with 4.9 FPG to go along with some abysmal stats. They had just 26 sacks on the year and 4 FRs. Additionally, their 10 INTs were tied for 7th fewest in the league. It's no coincidence that their fantasy play was poor since **Ziggy Ansah** struggled to stay healthy and **DeAndre Levy** barely saw the field.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: While we can expect some overall improvement—barring another Ansah injury—Detroit still doesn't have the makings of a fantasy starter DST. It's possible they become a waiver wire option in bigger leagues, especially if their safety tandem of **Tavon Wilson** and **Glover Quin** takes a step forward, but it's best to take a wait-and-see approach with them.

25 BUFFALO BILLS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The saving grace of the Bills' season for fantasy was their 39 sacks in 2016, 8th best in the league. Everything else was fairly underwhelming, as they had just 12 INTs on the year (t-18th), 6 FRs (t-24th) and just 3 DST TDs. On the whole, they finished with 5.9 FPG, which was actually tied for the 13th best, but still far away from being a reliable fantasy option. They scored double-digit FPs just twice all season, and broke 8 FPs just three times. Meanwhile, they scored 5 or fewer FPs on a whopping 10 occasions. Frankly, their 5.9 FPG total is only that high because of a 21 FP performance against Arizona in Week 3. Outside of that, it was a fairly putrid showing for fantasy.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: With a shifting defensive scheme, we could see some boosted fantasy numbers in 2016, especially if **Reggie Ragland** can stay healthy. The team also revamped their secondary, so we're hoping for some plays on the back end led by new Bill acquisitions **Micah Hyde** and **Jordan Poyer** at S. The team looks to have all the right pieces put together to make for a fantasy relevant defense. If anything, they'll probably serve as one of the bigger turnarounds for fantasy from last year.

26 INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Colts were the 10th best fantasy defense in 2015, but they had a big plummet last year, dropping to 4.9 FPG (t-22nd). They were never able to string together consistently good fantasy performances, despite hitting double-digits twice. They had fewer than 5 FPs on nine occasions, including five of those within the first six weeks. They had the 2nd fewest INTs with 8 and mustered just 2 DST TDs. Chances are they were a midseason waiver wire pickup or were relegated to the waiver wench bench all 17 weeks.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Colts are in reconstruction mode, and we're optimistic about what they've done so far. While it may take some time to transform from an improving NFL defense to a reliable fantasy defense, we wouldn't be surprised if they put up some big games, pending breakout seasons and pleasant surprises from DT/DE **Hassan Ridgeway** and new DT **Margus Hunt**. We love that they brought in competition on the second level, which should push some guys to step up their game, but again, this isn't a fantasy DST you're drafting or picking up, unless you're absolutely desperate in a 14- or 16-team league.

27 CHICAGO BEARS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Bears defense did seem to play a bit better than their fantasy stats indicated at times last year. They were in the middle of the pack in both PA and YA, but couldn't get much going statistically. At 5.1 FPG, they ranked 20th in the league, including finishing with a measly 8 INTs (t-2nd fewest) and 3 FRs (fewest). They did have 37 sacks, good for 12th in the league, but far too often they were a disappointment. They totaled over 5 FPs just six times all season long and had three goose-eggs.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: We love the talent at LB, but aren't sure if it's enough to boost their fantasy value. If anything, the Bears are a better defense on film than fantasy. They should again rack up a decent amount of sacks and backfield penetration with **Leonard Floyd** and **Willie Young** at OLB, but there's still concern on the back end. The team brought in **Prince Amukamara** and **Marcus Cooper**, but while it might improve the secondary play overall, we're not expecting it to translate into a boatload of picks.

28 DALLAS COWBOYS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: Dallas was one of only six teams that failed to score a DST TD in 2016. At 4.7 FPG, they finished tied for 26th in the league for fantasy. They allowed just 306 points on the year—5th fewest in the league—which helped propel them to Ws, but were mediocre across most statistical categories. Their 35 sacks were tied for 13th, their 9 INTs were 5th fewest in the league, and their 11 FRs were 8th in the league. The Cowboys defense reached double-digit FPs just once all season long and scored fewer than 5 FPs on 10 occasions.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: There are a lot of question marks for this Dallas defense, especially since they sent off most of their secondary. In all likelihood, they will again be a better NFL defense than fantasy defense as their D-line leaves a lot to be desired. A lot depends on whether **Jaylon Smith** is finally ready. They have the potential to be a reliable streaming option as the season progresses, but they're not quite draft-worthy.

29 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The 49ers gave up a league-worst 470 points and 6667 yards last season, and it wasn't even close. The Browns finished second with 438 points allowed. San Fran allowed 28+ points nine times and 35+ points five times, but they did manage a shutout in Week 1 against the lowly Rams. The 49ers finished tied for 21st in FPG (6.4) with the Texans and Rams, even though they didn't score a DST TD. They finished with 10 INTs (t-23rd), led by LB **Gerald Hodges** who had 2 INTs, and they had 33 sacks (t-19th), led by **DeForest Buckner** and **Ahmad Brooks**, who each had 6 sacks.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The 49er defense should be in a better place in 2017 with HC **Chip Kelly** gone, as his quick-moving offenses stalled out too fast at times and gassed his defenses. The entire roster needs rebuilding on both sides, and the organization is tackling the defensive side first by adding DT **Solomon Thomas** and LB **Reuben Foster** in the 1st round this year. They have spent six 1st-round picks on defense the last five years, and all of them are still on the roster (Thomas, Foster, DE **DeForest Buckner**, DE **Arik Armstead**, FS **Jimmie Ward**, SS **Eric Reid**), so there's some talent here. This unit still needs help at CB and more depth at LB, and their bad offense will put them in some tough spots, so they are unlikely to be fantasy relevant this season.

30 LOS ANGELES RAMS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Rams put up some pathetic statistics in 2016, so their DST was an absolute nonfactor, finishing with 4.7 FPG, tied for the 5th fewest in the league. Their 31 sacks were tied for the 7th fewest in the league, while their 10 INTs were also tied for the 7th lowest. It was a bit surprising, because they do have a lot of talent in their front seven. The secondary was a big problem, and they allowed the 10th most points on the season (394).

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Ram DST fortified their CB group, giving us optimism that their pathetic INT total from last year will see a boost. However, they could end up being a better NFL defense than fantasy DST, and they haven't showed they're capable of making big plays. Pass on this DST in drafts.

31 NEW YORK JETS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: The Jets may have been a bit of a laughing stock at times on offense, but as far as their fantasy DST goes ... well, it was the same there. They had 6 FRs, 5th fewest in the league, 8 INTs, tied for 2nd fewest, and an absolutely horrid 26 sacks, tied for 2nd fewest. These numbers, in addition to just 2 DST TDs, amounted to 4.1 FPG, 2nd worst. Their lone game of double-digit performance came in Week 17 and was preceded by the following: 1, 3, 2, 3, 0, 3, and 1 FP. Yikes.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: The Jets' run defense is one thing. The rest of their DST and their ability to produce some respectable numbers, however, is something else. Overall, their defensive front still has talent but major issues in the secondary, so they're not draft worthy.

32 CLEVELAND BROWNS

2016 SEASON/STATS REVIEW: It shouldn't come as a surprise when we say the Browns' 3.8 FPG was worst in the league. It seemed like the Browns put up fights all season long despite tallying just one win. It's not a surprise that they finished with some abysmal stat lines, including 26 sacks (2nd fewest), 10 INTs (7th fewest) and just 1 DST TD. Additionally, they allowed 452 points on the season, 3rd highest in the league. Chances are the Browns were never owned by anyone in your league at any point last season.

FANTASY BOTTOM LINE: It can only get better from last year, right? Right. The Browns made noise in the draft, picking up **Myles Garrett** and **Jabrill Peppers**. Hiring DC **Gregg Williams** was also a step in the right direction. It might take some time before anything translates to fantasy, but Cleveland is finally doing the right thing and may end up being a respectable streamer by the end of the season. They're not draftable as it stands right now, but they could be an exciting defense to watch.

CHEAT SHEETS

QUARTERBACKS

RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	ROLE	BYE	COM	ATT	PYDs	PTDs	INTs	RuATT	RuYDs	RuTDs	FPs
1	Tom Brady	NE	QB1	9	385	580	4875	39	5	35	85	1	414.3
2	Aaron Rodgers	GB	QB1	z	380	590	4365	36	7	55	265	2.5	403.8
3	Drew Brees	NO	QB1	5	425	615	4785	34	13	25	55	1	386.8
4	Andrew Luck	IND	QB1	11	355	570	4430	30	12	60	300	2.5	386.5
5	Russell Wilson	SEA	QB1	6	335	515	4100	27	10	95	410	3	372
6	Matt Ryan	ATL	QB1	5	370	560	4575	33	10	34	95	0	370.3
7	Derek Carr	OAK	QB1	10	360	575	4365	33	8	45	125	1	368.8
8	Kirk Cousins	WAS	QB1	5	395	595	4655	29	11	35	75	2	368.3
9	Jameis Winston	TB	QB1	11	340	560	4215	28	14	55	205	3	361.3
10	Philip Rivers	LAC	QB1	9	360	550	4255	33	14	25	45	0.5	352.3
11	Dak Prescott	DAL	QB1L	6	315	485	3795	25	9	65	325	4.5	349.3
12	Marcus Mariota	TEN	QB1L	8	300	495	3895	26	9	65	375	2	348.3
13	Matthew Stafford	DET	QB1L	7	385	585	4380	26	11	40	125	2	347.5
14	Ben Roethlisberger	PIT	QB1L	9	340	525	4445	29	12	20	55	0.5	346.8
15	Cam Newton	CAR	QB2H	11	290	490	3685	24	13	80	360	5	346.3
16	Eli Manning	NYG	QB2H	8	385	600	4385	30	14	20	35	0.5	345.8
17	Carson Palmer	ARI	QB2H	8	325	525	4395	29	13	15	50	0.5	343.8
18	Andy Dalton	CIN	QB2H	6	335	525	4195	27	11	45	125	2	342.3
19	Tyrod Taylor	BUF	QB2H	6	300	485	3600	20	7	90	496	5	339.6
20	Ryan Tannehill	MIA	QB2	11	350	525	4095	26	11	40	165	1.5	334.3
21	Joe Flacco	BAL	QB2	10	380	590	4100	25	13	28	85	2	325.5
22	Blake Bortles	JAX	QB2	8	315	540	3795	23	15	55	270	2	320.8
23	Carson Wentz	PHI	QB2	10	365	590	3925	22	13	55	215	2	317.8
24	Sam Bradford	MIN	QB2L	9	380	555	3995	24	9	25	55	0.5	304.3
25	Alex Smith	KC	QB2L	10	315	490	3500	21	9	52	225	2	293.5
26	Brian Hoyer	SF	QB3	11	275	475	3465	19	12	10	25	0	251.8
27	Deshaun Watson	HOU	QB3H	7	270	450	3125	13	16	55	215	3	247.8
28	Jared Goff	LAR	QB3H	8	295	500	3175	18	14	30	95	1	246.3
29	Paxton Lynch	DEN	QB3	5	195	340	2480	13	10	40	170	1.5	202
30	Mike Glennon	CHI	QB3	9	230	375	2595	13	9	20	35	0	185.3
31	Cody Kessler	CLE	QB3	9	165	260	1795	10	5	20	35	0	133.3
32	DeShone Kizer	CLE	WW	9	105	180	1245	7	6	20	85	1.5	107.8
33	Trevor Siemian	DEN	WW	5	115	190	1350	10	6	0	0	0	107.5
34	Josh McCown	NYJ	WW	11	120	200	1390	8	6	16	32	0	104.7
35	Mitchell Trubisky	CHI	WW	9	82	140	990	6	4	20	95	1	89
36	Christian Hackenberg	NYJ	WW	11	95	165	1175	6	5	8	15	0	84.3
37	Matt Barkley	SF	WW	11	75	125	880	4.5	6	10	0	0	62
38	Tom Savage	HOU	WW	7	75	125	850	4	3	5	15	0	60
39	Bryce Petty	NYJ	WW	11	65	115	740	4	3	7	25	0.5	58.5
40	Jimmy Garoppolo	NE	WW	9	22	35	270	4	1	5	30	1	38.5
41	Brock Osweiler	CLE	WW	9	45	75	565	2	2	6	20	0	38.3
42	Patrick Mahomes II	KC	WW	10	27	50	370	2	2	8	45	0.5	34
43	Joshua Dobbs	PIT	WW	9	23	40	260	2	2	7	25	0.5	26.5
44	Derek Anderson	CAR	WW	11	21	35	250	2	1	1	3	0	20.8
45	Matt Moore	MIA	WW	11	22	35	245	2	1	2	5	0	20.8
46	Ryan Fitzpatrick	FA	WW	-	21	35	250	1	1	3	14	0	17.9
47	Nick Foles	PHI	WW	10	19	30	215	1.5	1	3	10	0	17.8
48	AJ McCarron	CIN	WW	6	17	28	215	1	1	4	12	0	16
49	Nathan Peterman	BUF	WW	6	18	30	215	1	1	2	7	0	15.5
50	Connor Cook	OAK	WW	10	19	30	200	1	1	2	5	0	14.5

RUNNING BACKS

RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	ROLE	BYE	RuATT	RuYDs	TDs	REC	ReYDs	ReTDs	FPs
1	David Johnson	ARI	RB1	8	290	1245	14	68	725	4	373
2	Ezekiel Elliott	DAL	RB1	6	315	1575	14	44	465	2	344
3	Le'Veon Bell	PIT	RB1	9	295	1390	8	77	615	3	343.5
4	Devonta Freeman	ATL	RB1	5	235	1075	10	55	445	2	279
5	Jay Ajayi	MIA	RB1	11	295	1355	11	39	290	1.5	278.5
6	Melvin Gordon	LAC	RB1	9	260	1125	8	57	485	2	278
7	LeSean McCoy	BUF	RB1	6	250	1145	11	48	365	2	277
8	Jordan Howard	CHI	RB1	9	295	1350	9	37	335	2	271.5
9	Todd Gurley	LAR	RB1L	8	295	1240	7	49	395	1	260.5
10	DeMarco Murray	TEN	RB1L	8	255	1125	8	48	345	2	255
11	Leonard Fournette	JAX	RB1L	8	280	1245	9	26	185	1	229
12	Lamar Miller	HOU	RB1L	7	255	1085	7	37	260	2	225.5
13	Christian McCaffrey	CAR	RB2H	11	150	675	3.5	58	605	3	225
14	Isaiah Crowell	CLE	RB2H	9	215	970	7	37	310	1.5	216
15	Carlos Hyde	SF	RB2	11	235	1055	7	35	240	1.5	215.5
16	C.J. Anderson	DEN	RB2	5	215	900	7	38	265	2	208.5
17	Frank Gore	IND	RB2	11	225	875	5	36	265	3	198
18	Marshawn Lynch	OAK	RB2	10	215	900	8	27	190	1.5	193
19	Ameer Abdullah	DET	RB2	7	195	845	6	33	265	2	192
20	Tevin Coleman	ATL	RB2L	5	170	700	5	37	390	2.5	191
21	Bilal Powell	NYJ	RB2L	11	185	755	4	47	315	2	190
22	Joe Mixon	CIN	RB3	6	190	800	6	28	260	2	182
23	Ty Montgomery	GB	RB3	8	140	545	2.5	55	415	2.5	181
24	Adrian Peterson	NO	RB3	5	225	925	9	17	110	1	180.5
25	Danny Woodhead	BAL	RB3	10	65	265	2	64	515	3	172
26	Eddie Lacy	SEA	RB3	6	210	815	5	30	235	1	171
27	Mark Ingram	NO	RB3	5	165	680	4.5	39	280	1.5	171
28	Paul Perkins	NYG	RB3	8	185	765	3	34	300	2	170.5
29	C.J. Prosise	SEA	RB3	6	85	420	3	45	460	3	169
30	Samaje Perine	WAS	RB3	5	200	860	7.5	14	120	0.5	160
31	Theo Riddick	DET	RB3	7	70	255	2	59	420	3.5	159.5
32	Spencer Ware	KC	RB3	10	170	710	4	31	240	1.5	159
33	Dalvin Cook	MIN	RB4H	9	135	545	4	38	300	2	158.5
34	LeGarrette Blount	PHI	RB4H	10	215	820	10	8	50	0.5	158
35	Duke Johnson Jr.	CLE	RB4H	9	80	355	1.5	54	500	1.5	157.5
36	Mike Gillislee	NE	RB4H	9	160	765	7	18	135	0.5	153
37	Kareem Hunt	KC	RB4H	10	160	715	5	25	200	1	152.5
38	Darren Sproles	PHI	RB4	10	110	465	2	46	335	2	150
39	Kenneth Dixon	BAL	RB4	10	135	585	3.5	34	230	2	148.5
40	Matt Forte	NYJ	RB4	11	170	610	3	32	250	2	148
41	Derrick Henry	TEN	RB4L	8	140	615	6	23	215	0.5	145
42	Latavius Murray	MIN	RB4L	9	155	585	6.5	24	175	1	145
43	Terrance West	BAL	RB4L	10	140	595	5	29	205	1	145
44	Jonathan Stewart	CAR	RB4L	11	215	825	6.5	12	80	0.5	144.5
45	Doug Martin	TB	RB4L	11	200	850	4	18	140	0.5	144
46	Jamaal Charles	DEN	RB4L	5	95	415	4	36	275	2.5	144
47	Giovani Bernard	CIN	RB5H	6	95	400	1.5	47	355	2	143.5

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RUNNING BACKS

RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	ROLE	BYE	RuATT	RuYDs	TDs	REC	ReYDs	ReTDs	FPs
48	Charles Sims	TB	RB5H	11	80	315	2	45	370	3	143.5
49	Chris Thompson	WAS	RB5H	5	65	300	3	48	335	2	141.5
50	Alvin Kamara	NO	RB5H	5	65	355	3	37	365	2	139
51	Dion Lewis	NE	RB5H	9	115	535	3	29	225	2.5	138
52	James White	NE	RB5	9	45	185	1	50	455	3	138
53	Shane Vereen	NYG	RB5	8	95	410	2	39	325	2	136.5
54	Wendell Smallwood	PHI	RB5	10	115	485	3	24	225	1	119
55	Jalen Richard	OAK	RB5	10	95	435	2	29	220	2	118.5
56	Jeremy Hill	CIN	RB5	6	135	540	6	15	95	0.5	117.5
57	T.J. Yeldon	JAX	RB5	8	45	170	1	46	310	2	112
58	DeAndre Washington	OAK	RB5	10	80	385	2	26	195	2	108
59	Kyle Juszczyk	SF	RB5	11	15	70	1	46	315	2	102.5
60	Tim Hightower	SF	RB5	11	85	300	3	26	190	1.5	102
61	Zach Zenner	DET	RB5L	7	95	370	4	22	130	0.5	99
62	Robert Turbin	IND	RB5L	11	65	245	5	24	165	0.5	98
63	Kenyan Drake	MIA	RB5L	11	45	230	2	27	240	1.5	95
64	Thomas Rawls	SEA	RB5L	6	105	435	3	15	120	0	88.5
65	Jerick McKinnon	MIN	RB5L	9	65	265	2	23	175	1.5	88
66	Rob Kelley	WAS	RB5L	5	110	430	4	12	85	0	87.5
67	Rex Burkhead	NE	RB5L	9	70	300	4	15	115	1	86.5
68	Jonathan Williams	BUF	RB5L	6	125	480	3	10	65	0.5	85.5
69	Andre Ellington	ARI	RB5L	8	25	90	0	32	295	2	82.5
70	Joe Williams	SF	RB5L	11	95	455	3.5	6	35	0.5	79
71	Jamaal Williams	GB	RB5L	8	115	430	5	3	12	0	77.2
72	D'Onta Foreman	HOU	RB5L	7	120	475	3.5	5	35	0	77
73	Jeremy McNichols	TB	RB5L	11	65	285	2	17	135	1	77
74	Lance Dunbar	LAR	WW	8	25	115	0	27	240	2	74.5
75	Aaron Jones	GB	WW	8	75	325	2.5	15	115	0	74
76	Branden Oliver	LAC	WW	9	70	245	1	22	150	1	73.5
77	Marlon Mack	IND	WW	11	60	265	2	17	120	1	73.5
78	Wayne Gallman	NYG	WW	8	80	305	3	13	85	0.5	73
79	Jeremy Langford	CHI	WW	9	40	140	1	26	195	1	71.5
80	Jacquizz Rodgers	TB	WW	11	65	260	2	14	115	1	69.5
81	Chris Ivory	JAX	WW	8	60	235	1.5	20	140	0.5	69.5
82	Darren McFadden	DAL	WW	6	55	195	1.5	18	125	1	65
83	James Conner	PIT	WW	9	75	325	3	7	45	0	62
84	Devontae Booker	DEN	WW	5	55	205	1.5	17	95	0.5	59
85	Charcandrick West	KC	WW	10	50	180	1.5	15	105	1	58.5
86	Donnel Pumphrey	PHI	WW	10	45	180	2	13	90	1	58
87	Tyler Ervin	HOU	WW	7	25	115	0.5	20	145	1	55
88	T.J. Logan	ARI	WW	8	55	245	1	8	60	0.5	47.5
89	Travaris Cadet	NO	WW	5	5	20	0	22	165	1	46.5
90	Ryan Mathews	PHI	WW	10	50	205	1	10	60	0.5	45.5
91	Ka'Deem Carey	CHI	WW	9	45	180	2.5	6	50	0	44
92	Elijah McGuire	NYJ	WW	11	25	115	0	12	95	0.5	36
93	Tarik Cohen	CHI	WW	9	35	160	1	4	35	0	29.5
94	Alfred Morris	DAL	WW	6	45	165	1	2	10	0	25.5
95	Damien Williams	MIA	WW	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.1

WIDE RECEIVERS

RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	ROLE	BYE	REC	YARDS	TDs	FPs
1	Antonio Brown	PIT	WR1	9	105	1415	11	312.5
2	Julio Jones	ATL	WR1	5	105	1525	8	305.5
3	Odell Beckham Jr.	NYG	WR1	8	92	1385	11	296.5
4	Mike Evans	TB	WR1	11	92	1285	12	292.5
5	Jordy Nelson	GB	WR1	8	93	1265	11	285.5
6	A.J. Green	CIN	WR1	6	93	1365	9	283.5
7	T.Y. Hilton	IND	WR1	11	88	1395	7	269.5
8	DeAndre Hopkins	HOU	WR1	7	93	1200	8	261
9	Michael Thomas	NO	WR1	5	92	1105	9	256.5
10	Dez Bryant	DAL	WR1	6	77	1195	9	250.5
11	Doug Baldwin	SEA	WR1L	6	85	1095	8.5	245.5
12	Amari Cooper	OAK	WR1L	10	80	1170	8	245
13	Demaryius Thomas	DEN	WR2	5	93	1110	6.5	243
14	Davante Adams	GB	WR2	8	79	1060	9	239
15	Allen Robinson	JAX	WR2	8	76	1115	8	235.5
16	Jarvis Landry	MIA	WR2	11	93	1090	5.5	235
17	Alshon Jeffery	PHI	WR2	10	77	1125	7.5	234.5
18	Sammy Watkins	BUF	WR2	6	66	1140	9	234
19	Terrelle Pryor Sr.	WAS	WR2	5	77	1080	8	233
20	Larry Fitzgerald	ARI	WR2	8	95	925	7.5	232.5
21	Golden Tate	DET	WR2	7	91	1025	6	229.5
22	Michael Crabtree	OAK	WR2	10	80	945	8.5	225.5
23	Brandon Marshall	NYG	WR2	8	74	1030	8	225
24	Cameron Meredith	CHI	WR3H	9	77	1075	6.5	223.5
25	Emmanuel Sanders	DEN	WR3H	5	77	1095	6	222.5
26	Donte Moncrief	IND	WR3H	11	72	960	9	222
27	Julian Edelman	NE	WR3H	9	82	925	7	216.5
28	Jamison Crowder	WAS	WR3	5	87	985	5	215.5
29	Brandin Cooks	NE	WR3	9	65	985	8.5	214.5
30	Pierre Garcon	SF	WR3	11	88	965	5	214.5
31	Willie Snead	NO	WR3	5	80	990	5.5	212
32	Kelvin Benjamin	CAR	WR3L	11	72	945	7.5	211.5
33	Stefon Diggs	MIN	WR3L	9	81	960	5.5	210
34	Keenan Allen	LAC	WR3L	9	80	925	6	208.5
35	Tyreek Hill	KC	WR3L	10	60	915	8	199.5
36	DeSean Jackson	TB	WR3L	11	61	1005	6	197.5
37	Mike Wallace	BAL	WR4H	10	73	925	5	195.5
38	Martavis Bryant	PIT	WR4H	9	57	900	8	195
39	Jordan Matthews	PHI	WR4H	10	75	830	6	194
40	John Brown	ARI	WR4H	8	64	930	6	193
41	Rishard Matthews	TEN	WR4H	8	69	845	6.5	192.5
42	Marvin Jones Jr.	DET	WR4H	7	66	930	5.5	192
43	Corey Davis	TEN	WR4	8	66	905	5.5	189.5
44	Adam Thielen	MIN	WR4	9	67	840	6	187
45	DeVante Parker	MIA	WR4	11	59	870	6.5	185
46	Kenny Britt	CLE	WR4	9	67	815	6	184.5
47	Eric Decker	NYJ	WR5H	11	66	840	5.5	183
48	Tavon Austin	LAR	WR5H	8	69	775	6	182.5
49	Zay Jones	BUF	WR5H	6	70	820	5	182
50	Jeremy Maclin	KC	WR5H	10	67	845	5	181.5
51	Robert Woods	LAR	WR5H	8	72	815	4.5	180.5
52	Corey Coleman	CLE	WR5H	9	57	845	6	177.5
53	Randall Cobb	GB	WR5H	8	72	745	5	176.5
54	Breshad Perriman	BAL	WR5H	10	57	855	5	172.5
55	Cole Beasley	DAL	WR5	6	73	755	3.5	169.5
56	Josh Doctson	WAS	WR5	5	57	745	6	167.5
57	Will Fuller V	HOU	WR5	7	57	785	5	165.5
58	Sterling Shepard	NYG	WR5	8	62	695	5.5	164.5
59	Ted Ginn Jr.	NO	WR5	5	48	780	6	162
60	Kenny Stills	MIA	WR5	11	49	755	6	160.5
61	Tyler Lockett	SEA	WR5	6	56	735	5	159.5
62	Quincy Enunwa	NYJ	WR5	11	63	720	4	159
63	Allen Hurns	JAX	WR5L	8	54	715	5	155.5
64	Mike Williams	LAC	WR5L	9	53	645	6	153.5
65	Marqise Lee	JAX	WR5L	8	58	730	3.5	152
66	Kendall Wright	CHI	WR5L	9	55	715	4	150.5
67	Kevin White	CHI	WR5L	9	57	686	4	149.6
68	Tyrell Williams	LAC	WR5L	9	45	685	6	149.5
69	ArDarius Stewart	NYJ	WR5L	11	56	735	3	147.5
70	John Ross	CIN	WR5L	6	39	715	6	146.5
71	J.J. Nelson	ARI	WR5L	8	44	695	5	143.5
72	Taylor Gabriel	ATL	WR5L	5	43	685	5	141.5
73	Mohamed Sanu	ATL	WW	5	55	620	4	141
74	Eli Rogers	PIT	WW	9	54	625	4	140.5
75	Tyler Boyd	CIN	WW	6	53	615	4	138.5
76	Devin Funchess	CAR	WW	11	43	635	4.5	133.5
77	Terrance Williams	DAL	WW	6	42	650	4	131
78	Curtis Samuel	CAR	WW	11	40	655	4	129.5
79	Torrey Smith	PHI	WW	10	40	645	4	128.5
80	Jeremy Kerley	SF	WW	11	52	575	3	127.5
81	Carlos Henderson	DEN	WW	5	44	615	3	123.5
82	Chris Moore	BAL	WW	10	40	640	3	122
83	Chris Hogan	NE	WW	9	36	595	4	119.5
84	Malcolm Mitchell	NE	WW	9	41	540	4	119
85	Phillip Dorsett	IND	WW	11	36	555	4	115.5
86	Cooper Kupp	LAR	WW	8	40	565	3	114.5
87	Marquise Goodwin	SF	WW	11	36	605	3	114.5
88	Robby Anderson	NYJ	WW	11	35	575	3	110.5
89	Tajae Sharpe	TEN	WW	8	41	510	3	110
90	Braxton Miller	HOU	WW	7	40	435	4	107.5
91	Brandon LaFell	CIN	WW	6	39	465	3.5	106.5
92	Chris Conley	KC	WW	10	40	525	2	104.5
93	Paul Richardson	SEA	WW	6	36	495	3	103.5
94	Taywan Taylor	TEN	WW	8	35	540	2	101
95	Michael Campanaro	BAL	WW	10	42	465	2	100.5
96	Jermaine Kearse	SEA	WW	6	38	445	3	100.5
97	Travis Benjamin	LAC	WW	9	35	495	2.5	99.5
98	Kenny Golladay	DET	WW	7	35	445	3	97.5
99	Kamar Aiken	IND	WW	11	36	425	3	96.5
100	JuJu Smith-Schuster	PIT	WW	9	33	445	3	95.5
101	Laquon Treadwell	MIN	WW	9	35	415	3	94.5
102	Cordarrelle Patterson	OAK	WW	10	32	440	3	94
103	Markus Wheaton	CHI	WW	9	35	465	2	93.5
104	Seth Roberts	OAK	WW	10	35	405	3	93.5
105	Michael Floyd	MIN	WW	9	24	380	3	80
106	Chad Hansen	NYJ	WW	11	27	350	2	74
107	Josh Reynolds	LAR	WW	8	24	350	2	71
108	Dede Westbrook	JAX	WW	8	19	260	1	51
109	Amara Darboh	SEA	WW	6	12	165	1	34.5
110	Anquan Boldin	FA	WW	-	0	1	0	0.1

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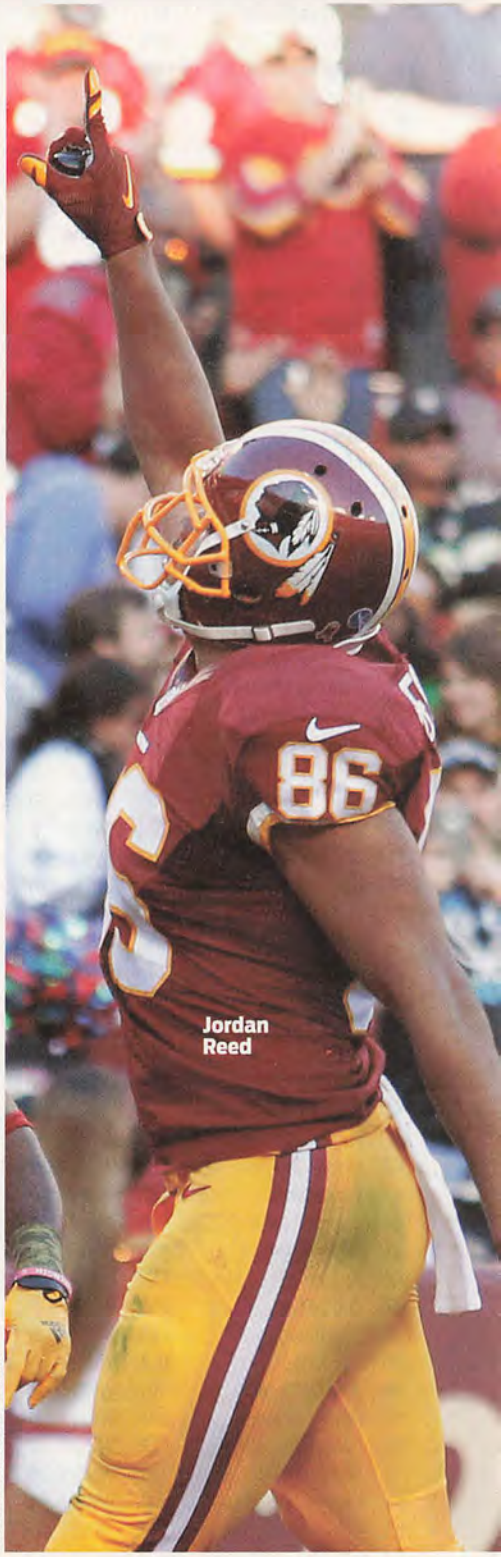
TIGHT ENDS

RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	ROLE	BYE	REC	YDs	TDs	FPs
1	Travis Kelce	KC	TE1	10	79	1015	5	210.5
2	Rob Gronkowski	NE	TE1	9	63	945	8	205.5
3	Jordan Reed	WAS	TE1	5	76	845	7.5	205.5
4	Jimmy Graham	SEA	TE1	6	64	915	7	197.5
5	Greg Olsen	CAR	TE1	11	75	905	5	195.5
6	Delanie Walker	TEN	TE1	8	67	860	7	195
7	Zach Ertz	PHI	TE1	10	77	825	5.5	192.5
8	Tyler Eifert	CIN	TE1	6	59	745	9	187.5
9	Kyle Rudolph	MIN	TE1L	9	74	760	6	186
10	Martellus Bennett	GB	TE1L	8	62	765	7	180.5
11	Eric Ebron	DET	TE1L	7	67	795	5	176.5
12	Jack Doyle	IND	TE2H	11	66	660	5	162
13	Jason Witten	DAL	TE2H	6	66	595	4	149.5
14	Hunter Henry	LAC	TE2H	9	49	660	5.5	148
15	Coby Fleener	NO	TE2	5	53	630	5	146
16	C.J. Fiedorowicz	HOU	TE2	7	58	610	4.5	146
17	Julius Thomas	MIA	TE2	11	52	560	6	144
18	Austin Hooper	ATL	TE2	5	48	595	6	143.5
19	Charles Clay	BUF	TE2L	6	56	555	5	141.5
20	Jesse James	PIT	TE2L	9	52	545	5	136.5
21	David Njoku	CLE	TE2L	9	46	625	4.5	135.5
22	Jared Cook	OAK	TE2L	10	46	565	5	132.5
23	Antonio Gates	LAC	TE2L	9	54	505	4.5	131.5
24	Dennis Pitta	BAL	TE2L	10	55	485	3	121.5
25	O.J. Howard	TB	TE2L	11	38	515	5	119.5
26	Evan Engram	NYG	TE2L	8	40	545	4	118.5
27	Vance McDonald	SF	TE3H	11	44	490	4	117
28	Cameron Brate	TB	TE3H	11	41	505	4	115.5
29	Dwayne Allen	NE	TE3H	9	43	455	4	112.5
30	Zach Miller	CHI	TE3H	9	43	480	3	109
31	Vernon Davis	WAS	TE3H	5	37	470	3	102
32	Jermaine Gresham	ARI	WW	8	40	420	3	100
33	Ladarius Green	PIT	WW	9	37	450	3	100
34	Tyler Higbee	LAR	WW	8	36	430	3.5	100
35	Ryan Griffin	HOU	WW	7	43	415	2.5	99.5
36	Erik Swoope	IND	WW	11	30	435	4	97.5
37	Benjamin Watson	BAL	WW	10	38	445	2.5	97.5
38	Gerald Everett	LAR	WW	8	33	425	3	93.5
39	Lance Kendricks	GB	WW	8	34	395	3	91.5
40	Marcedes Lewis	JAX	WW	8	37	340	3	89
41	Dion Sims	CHI	WW	9	30	310	4.5	88
42	Jordan Leggett	NYJ	WW	11	32	380	2	82
43	Austin Seferian-Jenkins	NYJ	WW	11	30	320	2	74
44	Virgil Green	DEN	WW	5	26	270	2.5	68
45	Trey Burton	PHI	WW	10	27	285	2	67.5
46	Mychal Rivera	JAX	WW	8	28	270	2	67
47	Michael Roberts	DET	WW	7	22	240	3	64
48	Clive Walford	OAK	WW	10	24	265	2	62.5
49	Garrett Celek	SF	WW	11	22	245	2	58.5
50	Josh Hill	NO	WW	5	21	215	2	54.5
51	Will Tye	NYG	WW	8	24	225	1	52.5
52	Adam Shaheen	CHI	WW	9	17	220	2	51
53	Tyler Kroft	CIN	WW	6	19	195	2	50.5
54	Jeff Heuerman	DEN	WW	5	15	195	2	46.5
55	George Kittle	SF	WW	11	16	195	1.5	44.5
56	Jerell Adams	NYG	WW	8	18	170	1	41
57	Bucky Hodges	MIN	WW	9	12	135	1	31.5
58	Jonnu Smith	TEN	WW	8	12	130	1	31
59	Jake Butt	DEN	WW	5	10	115	1	27.5
60	Gary Barnidge	CLE	WW	9	0	1	0	0.1



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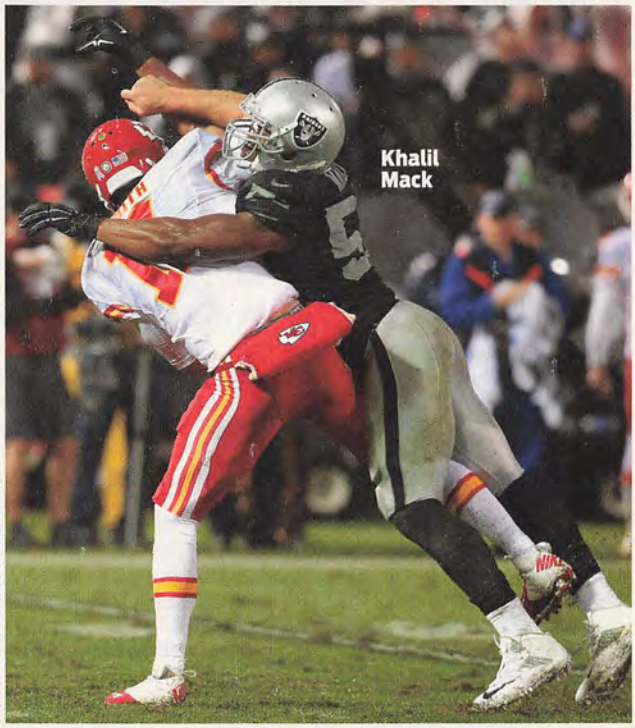
PLACEKICKERS

RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	BYE	FG	FGA	FG 1-29	FG 30-29	FG 40-49	FG 50+	XPs	FPs
1	Justin Tucker	BAL	10	35	37	8	9	10	8	38	143
2	Stephen Gostkowski	NE	9	28	32	9	7	9	3	51	135
3	Dustin Hopkins	WAS	5	30	36	8	7	7	5	42	132
4	Matt Bryant	ATL	5	27	33	10	8	10	2	51	132
5	Nick Novak	HOU	7	31	36	10	9	8	3	38	131
6	Caleb Sturgis	PHI	10	31	37	7	8	12	3	38	131
7	Cairo Santos	KC	10	30	35	7	8	12	4	41	131
8	Dan Bailey	DAL	6	28	33	10	8	7	3	46	130
9	Graham Gano	CAR	11	31	37	0	0	0	0	37	130
10	Mason Crosby	GB	8	28	33	8	7	10	5	45	129
11	Matt Prater	DET	7	30	35	7	8	10	3	38.5	128.5
12	Sebastian Janikowski	OAK	10	28	34	7	8	10	3	44	128
13	Phil Dawson	ARI	8	26	30	8	7	8	3	49	127
14	Josh Lambo	LAC	9	27	32	8	9	8	2	46	127
15	Wil Lutz	NO	5	27	31	8	9	7	3	45	126
16	Chris Boswell	PIT	9	27	31	7	7	9	4	44	125
17	Adam Vinatieri	IND	11	27	31	8	8	10	1	44	125
18	Brandon McManus	DEN	5	28	32	9	7	9	3	38	122
19	Steven Hauschka	BUF	6	26	29	10	8	6	2	44	122
20	Kai Forbath	MIN	9	28	32	9	7	8	2	37	121
21	Aldrick Rosas	NYG	8	25	30	7	5	9	6	43	118
22	Jason Myers	JAX	8	27	33	8	7	8	2	37	118
23	Ryan Succop	TEN	8	24	28	8	7	6	3	40	112
24	Andrew Franks	MIA	11	23	28	10	7	5	1	43	112
25	Roberto Aguayo	TB	11	24	31	9	9	6	0	39	111
26	Blair Walsh	SEA	6	23	30	6	7	8	3	38	107
27	Randy Bullock	CIN	6	24	29	8	6	6	2	35	107
28	Cody Parkey	CLE	9	25	29	6	8	10	1	31	106
29	Robbie Gould	SF	11	23	28	8	7	7	1	31	100
30	Chandler Catanzaro	NYJ	11	24	30	9	7	6	2	27	99
31	Connor Barth	CHI	9	21	26	8	6	6	1	33	96
32	Greg Zuerlein	LAR	8	22	27	6	6	7	3	28	94

DEFENSE/SPECIAL TEAMS

RANK	D/ST	BYE	SACKS	INT	FRs	D/TDs	S/TDs	FPs
1	KC	10	38	17	12	3.5	2.5	132
2	DEN	5	44	14	13	4	1.5	131
3	MIN	9	44	14	13	4	1.5	131
4	HOU	7	46	14	13	3	1	124
5	PHI	10	38	15	11	3.5	2	123
6	CAR	11	45	16	12	3	0.5	122
7	LAC	9	41	15	12	3	1	119
8	ATL	5	38	14	11	4	1	118
9	NYG	8	40	15	12	3	1	118
10	NE	9	38	14	12	3	1.5	117
11	SEA	6	40	14	10	3	1.5	115
12	GB	8	44	15	10	2	1	112
13	TB	11	39	14	11	2.5	1	110
14	ARI	8	36	14	14	2.5	0.5	110
15	BAL	10	35	17	11	2.5	0.5	109
16	PIT	9	39	14	12	2	1	109
17	WAS	5	41	13	11	2	1	107
18	OAK	10	32	15	13	2	1	106
19	MIA	11	35	14	9	2	2	105
20	TEN	8	41	12	10	2	1	103
21	JAX	8	39	12	10	2	1	101
22	CIN	6	38	16	9	1	1	100
23	NO	5	33	12	12	1.5	1.5	99
24	DET	7	36	11	10	2	1.5	99
25	BUF	6	38	13	6	3	0.5	97
26	IND	11	34	12	10	2	1	96
27	CHI	9	38	11	9	2	1	96
28	DAL	6	34	11	11	1.5	1	93
29	LAR	8	33	11	11	1	1.5	92
30	SF	11	35	11	10	1.5	1	92
31	NYJ	11	31	12	9	1.5	1	88
32	CLE	9	31	11	10	1.5	1	88



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LINEBACKERS (IDP)

RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	BYE	TCKs	ASTs	SCKs	INTs	PD	FRs	TDs	FPs
1	Kwon Alexander	TB	11	115.3	41.2	3	1.5	9.5	0.5	2.5	170.4
2	Danny Trevathan	CHI	9	91.5	47.2	2.2	2.2	11.9	2.2	0.1	140.8
3	Luke Kuechly	CAR	11	82	42.3	2	2	10.7	0.3	2	134.5
4	Sean Lee	DAL	6	91.5	50.5	1.3	5	3	1	0	134.4
5	Telvin Smith	JAX	8	103.2	24.9	1.8	1.3	7.3	2	0.1	133.8
6	Lavonte David	TB	11	84.2	42.2	3	1.3	8.3	5	0.2	133.4
7	Deone Bucannon	ARI	8	104.7	21.5	2.7	0.3	2	2.6	0.3	130.5
8	Deion Jones	ATL	5	87.4	32	0	3.7	17.2	0.5	0	129
9	Vontaze Burfict	CIN	6	89.2	34.8	1.6	2.2	10.2	1.6	0	127.6
10	Bobby Wagner	SEA	6	81.3	62.5	2.3	0.3	2.3	2	0.2	125.3
11	Christian Kirksey	CLE	9	88.5	46.2	2.7	0	1	1	0	120
12	Ryan Shazier	PIT	9	71.3	35.8	3.3	1.9	8.5	3.3	0	114.7
13	Thomas Davis	CAR	11	71.5	32.4	3.5	2.3	7	3.6	0.1	114.1
14	Alec Ogletree	LAR	8	84.3	26.3	0.7	1.3	8.3	2	0	113.8
15	Benardrick McKinney	HOU	7	76.9	48.5	4.8	0	0	1	0	112.8
16	Lawrence Timmons	MIA	11	79.5	33.4	3.2	1	5	0.7	0	111
17	C.J. Mosley	BAL	10	75.2	42.5	1.3	1.3	4	1.4	0.1	109.1
18	K.J. Wright	SEA	6	72	44.3	2.3	0	1.3	4	0	108.1
19	Von Miller	DEN	5	60.1	15.7	14.5	0	0.7	4.5	0	106.7
20	Jamie Collins	CLE	9	66.4	33.7	3.8	1	3.3	4.3	0.1	105.4
21	Mark Barron	LAR	8	78.5	26.7	1.7	0.7	4.7	1.7	0	104.8
22	Zach Brown	WAS	5	68.4	38.1	2.3	1.5	5	1	0	102.1
23	Eric Kendricks	MIN	9	71	29.5	3.3	0.5	5	1	0.2	101.6
24	Mason Foster	WAS	5	82.3	30.7	0.3	0	1	1	0	101.3
25	Malcolm Smith	SF	11	79.7	16.7	1.3	0.7	4	2.3	0	100.7
26	Avery Williamson	TEN	8	72.5	32.7	2.8	0.7	2.7	1	0	100.6
27	Kiko Alonso	MIA	11	73.2	29.5	0	1.5	4	2.5	0.1	100.6
28	Nigel Bradham	PHI	10	72.3	31.2	1.8	0.7	4.3	1.6	0	100.4
29	NaVorro Bowman	SF	11	80	24.5	1.8	0.5	1.5	1	0	100.4
30	Jarrad Davis	DET	7	73.3	27.5	1.2	1.1	5.5	1	0	99.2
31	Jerrell Freeman	CHI	9	77.5	28.6	1	0.1	1.3	0.6	0.1	97.1
32	Reggie Ragland	BUF	6	72.3	26.5	1.5	0.2	3.6	2.1	0	96.8
33	Jordan Hicks	PHI	10	56.5	24.3	1	4.5	10.5	2.5	0.1	95.8
34	Lorenzo Alexander	BUF	6	51.2	18.7	11.5	0.5	6.3	2	0	94.9
35	Craig Robertson	NO	5	63.9	36.9	0.3	1.3	5	1.6	0.1	94.4
36	Paul Posluszny	JAX	8	74.1	21.3	1.5	0.9	3.7	0.3	0	93.9
37	David Harris	NYJ	11	63.8	38.4	3.7	0	0.3	1.3	0	93.3
38	Blake Martinez	GB	8	67.5	28.5	0	1.7	7.1	0.3	0	92.9
39	Ramik Wilson	KC	10	74.3	17.8	0	1.4	4.4	0.8	0	92
40	Darron Lee	NYJ	11	65.6	36.1	1.7	0	4.5	0.2	0	92
41	Jatavis Brown	LAC	9	66.2	15.4	4.3	0.2	8	0.3	0	91.5
42	Brandon Marshall	DEN	5	69.2	20	1.2	0.7	4.7	1	0	89.7
43	Demario Davis	CLE	9	61	36.7	2.5	0	1.7	1.3	0	88.7
44	Derrick Johnson	KC	10	68.3	17.3	1.7	1	4.7	0.7	0	88.5
45	Shane Ray	DEN	5	43.5	19.7	13.5	0	0	1.5	0.3	85.2
46	Denzel Perryman	LAC	9	68.5	17.5	2	0.5	1.5	0.5	0	84.8
47	Melvin Ingram	LAC	9	48.9	17.1	9.5	0	1	3.3	0	84.1
48	Anthony Barr	MIN	9	53.5	20.7	3.2	0.3	3.7	3.3	0.1	81.8
49	Tahir Whitehead	DET	7	61.7	22.4	0.7	1	4	0.3	0	80.9
50	Vic Beasley Jr.	ATL	5	30.5	8.2	16.2	0.2	3	4.5	0.1	80
51	Kevin Minter	CIN	6	61.7	23.3	2.7	0	0	0.5	0	79.8
52	Jaylon Smith	DAL	6	62.5	17.3	1.5	0	3.2	1	0	79.4
53	Ben Heeney	OAK	10	61.2	18.5	1.3	0.1	3.4	1.2	0	79.1
54	Myles Jack	JAX	8	63.2	24	0.5	0.4	2	0	0	79
55	J.T. Thomas III	NYG	8	58.5	24.5	0	1	2.5	1.5	0.1	78.9
56	Haason Reddick	ARI	8	55.2	18.1	3.8	0.3	4.6	0.8	0	78.7
57	Vincent Rey	CIN	6	53.7	31.1	0.3	0.7	6.3	0.3	0	78.2
58	Bud Dupree	PIT	9	43.4	20	10.6	0	1.2	1	0	77.8
59	Todd Davis	DEN	5	58.4	28.6	0.5	0	0	2	0	77.7
60	Jake Ryan	GB	8	62.5	28.3	0	0	0	0.5	0	77.7
61	Clay Matthews	GB	8	46.1	15.6	7.5	0.7	4.3	1.3	0	77.2
62	Dont'a Hightower	NE	9	50.2	31.3	4	0	0.7	1	0	76.6
63	B.J. Goodson	NYG	8	58.7	24.3	0.2	0.1	3.1	1	0	76.6
64	Antonio Morrison	IND	11	61.5	27.3	0.2	0	0.5	0.2	0	76.5
65	Chandler Jones	ARI	8	35.1	14.1	11.2	0.2	0.8	4.9	0	75.6
66	Karlos Dansby	ARI	8	49.5	32.3	1.3	0.7	3.1	1	0	74.8
67	Bruce Irvin	OAK	10	43.4	11.1	8.1	0.7	1	3	0.1	74.2
68	Mychal Kendricks	PHI	10	54.5	19.3	2.3	0	1	1.6	0	73
69	Nick Perry	GB	8	36.2	15.6	10.5	0.3	2	1	0	69.6
70	Wesley Woodyard	TEN	8	44.7	22.7	3.2	1	3	0.6	0.1	69.3
71	Jadeveon Clowney	HOU	7	43.9	14.1	8	0	0	1	0	69
72	Ryan Kerrigan	WAS	5	34.3	9.8	11.3	0	0.3	3.3	0	68.7
73	Justin Houston	KC	10	38.5	11.2	8.5	0.1	4.3	1.5	0	68.6
74	Brian Cushing	HOU	7	51.2	32.9	0.1	0	0.2	0.2	0	68.5
75	A.J. Klein	NO	5	52.4	18.7	0.7	0.3	0.7	1.7	0	67.9
76	Whitney Mercilus	HOU	7	35.9	18.6	8.1	0	0	3	0	67.4
77	Connor Barwin	LAR	8	41	13.7	6.8	0	1.7	1.3	0	65.8
78	De'Vondre Campbell	ATL	5	44.8	16.2	0	1.1	8.2	0.8	0	64.9
79	Jelani Jenkins	OAK	10	49.2	20.6	1.2	0	0.3	1.3	0	64.8
80	Dee Ford	KC	10	32.3	16.5	11	0	0	1	0	64.6
81	Vince Williams	PIT	9	50.3	18.7	0.8	0	0.5	1	0	63.8
82	Markus Golden	ARI	8	38.1	10	9.3	0	0	0.8	0	63.3
83	Keenan Robinson	NYG	8	43.5	25.2	0.5	0.7	2.3	0.7	0	62.2
84	Reuben Foster	SF	11	48.6	10.1	2.1	0	2.7	0.5	0	61.6
85	Emmanuel Lamur	MIN	9	43.3	25.6	0.2	0.7	2.3	0.6	0	61.4
86	Stephone Anthony	NO	5	41	23	0.5	0.5	3	1.5	0.1	61.1
87	Sean Spence	IND	11	47.6	18.3	1.47	0	0	0.6	0	60.9
88	Leonard Floyd	CHI	9	30.7	13.3	9.3	0.1	2.7	1	0	60.9
89	Paul Worrilow	DET	7	41.9	22.3	0.7	0.7	3	1	0	60.9
90	Anthony Hitchens	DAL	6	42	27.3	1.2	0	0.7	0.1	0	59
91	John Simon	IND	11	41.2	17.8	3.3	0	0.3	0.6	0	58.2
92	Tamba Hali	KC	10	36.7	10.4	5.3	0	0	2.4	0	57.3
93	Devon Kennard	NYG	8	39.2	18.6	1.8	0.3	2	1.3	0	57.3
94	Robert Quinn	LAR	8	29.3	18.7	6.5	0	2	1.6	0	56.9
95	Jordan Jenkins	NYJ	11	33.4	21.6	3.6	0	3.1	1	0	56.5
96	Terrell Suggs	BAL	10	31.1	14.3	7.1	0	0.4	1.5	0	55.9
97	Derrick Morgan	TEN	8	28.1	12	8.7	0	2.3	1	0	55.8
98	James Harrison	PIT	9	31.7	14.4	5.2	0.7	2.3	1.3	0	55.6
99	Brian Orakpo	TEN	8	36.5	10.3	6	0	0.3	0.7	0	55.4
100	Nick Bellore	DET	7	38.3	12.1	1.1	0.5	6.2	0.6	0	55
101	Shaq Thompson	CAR	11	37.5	17.5	0.5	0.5	3	1	0.1	53.9
102	Ahmad Brooks	SF	11	31.3	10.3	6.2	0	1	1.4	0	52.7
103	Corey Nelson	DEN	5	42.3	17.5	0.3	0	0.3	0.3	0	52.6
104	Manti Te'o	NO	5	37.7	16	0.5	0.7	2	0.3	0	50.7
105	Koa Misi	MIA	11	40	15.3	0.3	0	0.7	0	0	49
106	Ramon Humber	BUF	6	37.5	11.1	1.1	0	2.3	0.5	0	48.6
107	Emmanuel Ogbah	CLE	9	26.5	18.2	6.1	0	0	0.2	0	48.2
108	Raekwon McMillan	MIA	11	35	16.3	1	0	1	1	0	48.2
109	Preston Smith	WAS	5	24	14.5	4.3	0.5	2	2	0	46.9
110	Damien Wilson	DAL	6	40	10.7	0.3	0	0.5	0.1	0	46.7
111	Pernell McPhee	CHI	9	24	8	5.8	0.3	2.7	1	0	44.9
112	Kamalei Correa	BAL	10	33.2	14.6	0.5	0	1.1	1.1	0	44.8
113	T.J. Watt	PIT	9	26.5	10.1	4.1	0	3.2	0.1	0	43.2
114	Ryan Anderson	WAS	5	26.4	10.1	5.1	0	0.5	0.4	0	43
115	Tyus Bowser	BAL	10	25.2	16.1	3.1	0	2.3	0.5	0	42.8
116	Kyle Van Noy	NE	9	29.2	15.1	0.7	1	1	0.3	0	41.8
117	Shea McClellin	NE	9	27.1	21.7	0.7	0	0.3	1	0	41.7
118	Zach Cunningham	HOU	7	28.5	12.1	1.5	0	2.1	0.5	0	40.7
119	Takkarist McKinley	ATL	5	18.5	7.6	5.1	0.2	3.2	2.1	0	40.3
120	Cameron Lynch	TB	11	31.3	9.5	0	0.2	2.4	0.2	0	39.3
121	Dannell Ellerbe	NO	5	30.5	6.5	1.7	0	0	0.8	0	38.8
122	Alex Okafor	NO	5	23.1	5.7	4.5	0.3	1	1	0	38.6
123	Albert McClellan	BAL	10	24.3	14.3	0.7	0	0.9	1.4	0	36.6
124	Kendell Beckwith	TB	11	22.5	8.7	0.5	0	1.1	0.2	0	29.4

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN (IDP)

RANK	PLAYER	ROLE	TEAM	BYE	TCKs	ASTs	SCKs	INTs	PD	FRs	TDs	FPs
1	Khalil Mack	DE	OAK	10	56.7	18.3	10	0.3	2.3	3.7	0.3	98
2	J.J. Watt	DE	HOU	7	39.1	15	13.2	0.3	3.3	4.6	0.6	89.7
3	Jason Pierre-Paul	DE	NYG	8	45.4	18.3	9.6	0	2.3	3.9	0.2	85.1
4	DeForest Buckner	DT	SF	11	46.5	28.3	8.2	0	0.5	2	0	81.6
5	Calais Campbell	DE	JAX	8	42.6	14.7	6.7	0.7	3.3	2.3	0.1	73.3
6	Carlos Dunlap	DE	CIN	6	35.7	21	9.8	0	1.3	3	0	73.1
7	Olivier Vernon	DE	NYG	8	42.7	18.6	7.5	0	0	1.3	0	69.6
8	Damon Harrison	NT	NYG	8	48.3	29.7	2.1	0	0	1.1	0	69.6
9	Everson Griffen	DE	MIN	9	36.4	12.7	10.2	0	1	2	0.1	68.8
10	Joey Bosa	DE	LAC	9	32	14.5	12.3	0	0.3	1.5	0	67.2
11	Ndamukong Suh	DT	MIA	11	40.7	21.3	6.5	0	1	0.3	0	66
12	Cameron Jordan	DE	NO	5	34.7	16.7	8.3	0.3	1.7	1.7	0	65.4
13	Muhammad Wilkerson	DE	NYJ	11	34.4	24.7	7.4	0	0.7	1.1	0	64.5
14	Cameron Wake	DE	MIA	11	24.6	5.7	12.3	0.4	2.5	4.3	0	64
15	Aaron Donald	DT	LAR	8	34.3	14	7.3	0	0.3	0	1.2	63.4
16	Brandon Graham	DE	PHI	10	38.3	15.7	5.8	0	0	2.8	0	63.4
17	Kawann Short	DT	CAR	11	33.6	25	8	0	0.8	0	0	62.9
18	Jerry Hughes	DE	BUF	6	34.7	16.4	6.8	0	0	2.7	0.1	62.5
19	Leonard Williams	DE	NYJ	11	32.5	33	5	0	0	1	0	61
20	Fletcher Cox	DT	PHI	10	32.2	18.6	7.2	0	0	2.1	0.1	60.7
21	Ezekiel Ansah	DE	DET	7	32.3	11.3	8	0	0	3	0	60
22	Danielle Hunter	DE	MIN	9	31.5	13	9.3	0	0	1.5	0	59.6
23	Sheldon Richardson	DE	NYJ	11	35.3	22	3.8	0	0.1	2.3	0	58.6
24	William Gholston	DE	TB	11	39	15.3	4.2	0	0.1	1.3	0	57.8
25	Rob Ninkovich	DE	NE	9	31.7	17	6.2	0.3	0.7	1.4	0.1	57.3
26	Michael Bennett	DE	SEA	6	30.9	15.3	8.2	0	0	1.1	0	57.2
27	Jurrell Casey	DT	TEN	8	35.7	17.7	5.7	0	0.3	0	0	56.3
28	Linval Joseph	DT	MIN	9	36.1	24.4	2.5	0	0.3	1.3	0	56.2
29	Trey Flowers	DE	NE	9	27	24.1	6.6	0	0	1.9	0	56.1
30	Cameron Heyward	DE	PIT	9	32.7	16	6.2	0	1.3	0.6	0	55.6
31	Julius Peppers	DE	CAR	11	23	11.7	7.1	0.7	3.7	2.1	0.3	54.2
32	Cliff Avril	DE	SEA	6	22	14.3	8.5	0	0.7	3	0	52.9
33	William Hayes	DE	MIA	11	33.3	12.6	4.8	0	0	1.3	0	51.8
34	Jared Crick	DE	DEN	5	29.3	23	2.8	0	2	1.7	0	51.8
35	Danny Shelton	NT	CLE	9	33.5	26	2.3	0	0	0	0	51.1
36	Marcell Dareus	DT	BUF	6	32.4	13.7	5.2	0.3	0	0.3	0	50.9
37	Gerald McCoy	DT	TB	11	26.6	7.6	8	0	1	1.7	0	50.8
38	Myles Garrett	DE	CLE	9	26.3	13.4	8.2	0	0	0.6	0	50.6
39	Dante Fowler Jr.	DE	JAX	8	25.1	14.2	6.3	0	4.5	0.2	0	49.7
40	Shaq Lawson	DE	BUF	6	25.4	13.2	6.4	0	0	2.2	0	49.2
41	Malik Jackson	DT	JAX	8	30.7	7.3	5.8	0	0.6	1.1	0	48.8
42	Akiem Hicks	DT	CHI	9	24.1	15	4	0	0.7	0	1.4	48.7
43	Charles Johnson	DE	CAR	11	24	11.4	6.8	0	0.7	2.3	0	48.6
44	Chris Baker	DE	TB	11	26.7	20	3.5	0	0	2.4	0	48.5
45	Frank Clark	DE	SEA	6	23.2	16.5	6.5	0	0	2	0	48.5
46	Derek Wolfe	DE	DEN	5	32.3	13.3	4.4	0	0.4	0	0	48.2
47	Robert Ayers Jr.	DE	TB	11	26.3	9.2	7	0	0.3	1.3	0	47.8
48	Maliek Collins	DT	DAL	6	26.3	19.4	5.7	0	0	0.2	0	47.8
49	Brandon Williams	DT	BAL	10	33.7	18.5	1.1	0	0	1.3	0	47.8
50	Malcom Brown	DT	NE	9	27.5	21.5	3	0	0	1.5	0	47.3
51	Geno Atkins	DT	CIN	6	24	12	7.7	0	0.3	0.7	0	47.1
52	Solomon Thomas	DE	SF	11	23.5	14.6	7.1	0	0	0.3	0	45.6
53	Michael Johnson	DE	CIN	6	27	11	4.2	0	0	2	0	44.9
54	Stephon Tuitt	DE	PIT	9	29.1	10	3.8	0.1	0.3	1.3	0	44.8
55	Bennie Logan	DT	KC	10	33.3	12	1.2	0	0.3	1.3	0	44.6
56	Kerry Hyder	DE	DET	7	21.6	12.2	7.5	0	0	0.9	0	44.5
57	Jamie Meder	DT	CLE	9	28.7	26	1.3	0	0	0	0	44.3
58	Jabaal Sheard	DE	IND	11	22.4	13.4	5.3	0	3	0.8	0	44.3
59	Kony Ealy	DE	NE	9	18.7	15.4	5.1	0.3	2.3	2.3	0	44.1
60	Johnathan Hankins	DT	IND	11	26.1	15.4	3.3	0	1	1	0	43.4
61	Kyle Williams	DT	BUF	6	26.3	13.7	3.8	1	0.3	0	0	43.1
62	Nick Fairley	DT	NO	5	27.4	12.7	3.3	0	0	0.8	0	42
63	Brian Robison	DE	MIN	9	21.7	7	5.7	0	0.7	2	0	41.3
64	Cedric Thornton	DT	DAL	6	24.8	16	1.3	0	0.8	1.9	0.2	41.2
65	Sheldon Rankins	DT	NO	5	23.2	8.6	5.7	0	0	1	0	40.9
66	Mike Daniels	DT	GB	8	26	10.5	4.1	0.1	0.5	0.3	0	40.8
67	Grady Jarrett	DT	ATL	5	23	22.5	2.6	0	0	0.6	0	40.7
68	A'Shawn Robinson	DT	DET	7	28.8	9.6	1.8	0	3.4	0	0	40.6
69	Jack Crawford	DT	ATL	5	20.2	12.9	5.8	0	0	0.6	0	39.5
70	Robert Nkemdiche	DT	ARI	8	24	11.1	4.3	0	1	0	0	39.2
71	Jonathan Allen	DT	WAS	5	22.1	10.3	5.7	0	0	0.2	0	39.1
72	Arik Armstead	DT	SF	11	22.3	10.1	4.5	0	0	1	0	38.4
73	Corey Liuget	DT	LAC	9	28.3	7	1.6	0	0	1.5	0	38
74	Demarcus Lawrence	DE	DAL	6	21.9	11.6	4	0	0	0.9	0	37.5
75	Dontari Poe	DT	ATL	5	26.6	8.4	2.7	0.3	0	0.3	0	37.4
76	Chris Jones	DT	KC	10	19.3	12.3	3.2	0	5.1	0	0	37
77	Mario Edwards Jr.	DE	OAK	10	25.5	7.5	1.5	0	0	2.3	0	36.9
78	Tyrone Crawford	DT	DAL	6	20.3	11.7	4.2	0	0.3	1	0	36.9
79	Pat Sims	DT	CIN	6	22.3	21	0.9	0.6	0	0	0	35.8
80	Timmy Jernigan	DT	PHI	10	17.2	15	4.2	0.3	1.3	0.3	0	35.6
81	Domata Peko	DT	DEN	5	20.3	19.3	2	0	0	0.3	0	34.6
82	Chris Long	DE	PHI	10	16.9	10.8	3.8	0	0	1.8	0	33.5
83	Adrian Clayborn	DE	ATL	5	20.1	2.7	4	0	0	1.1	0.3	33.5
84	Terrell McClain	DT	WAS	5	19.7	12.8	1.9	0	0	1.6	0	33.1
85	Javon Hargrave	DT	PIT	9	20.1	10.5	2.5	0	0.1	1	0	32.5
86	Brent Urban	DE	BAL	10	18.3	11.3	4.2	0	0	0	0	32.4
87	Rakeem Nunez-Roches	DE	KC	10	22.1	11.5	1.8	0	0.3	0.2	0	32.2
88	Steve McLendon	DT	NYJ	11	21.6	7.3	2.8	0	0	0.5	0	31.9
89	Ethan Westbrooks	DE	LAR	8	19.7	8.1	2.2	0	0	1.5	0	31.2
90	Michael Brockers	DT	LAR	8	21.6	10	1.7	0	0.3	0.3	0	30.9
91	DaQuan Jones	DE	TEN	8	19.3	13.1	1	0	0	1.2	0.1	30.9
92	Ra'Shede Hageman	DT	ATL	5	21	11	2.1	0	0	0	0	30.7
93	Jarran Reed	DT	SEA	6	17	15.4	1.8	0	2.1	0	0	30.4
94	Vinny Curry	DE	PHI	10	14.7	4.3	5	0	0	1.6	0	30.1
95	Darius Latham	DT	OAK	10	19.4	15.2	1.2	0	0	0.1	0	29.6
96	Haloti Ngata	DT	DET	7	15	10.7	2	0.7	2.3	0.7	0	29.5
97	Alan Branch	DT	NE	9	18.6	13.6	0.8	0	0.3	1	0	29.3
98	Corey Peters	DT	ARI	8	18.8	13.9	1.4	0	0	0	0	28.6
99	Jordan Phillips	DT	MIA	11	18.2	7.7	1.3	0	2.1	0	0	26.8
100	Sylvester Williams	NT	TEN	8	19.4	8.7	1.3	0	0.3	0	0	26.7
101	Kendall Langford	DE	IND	11	16	8.3	2.7	0	0	0.3	0	26.2
102	Charles Harris	DE	MIA	11	12.3	6.5	4.7	0	0.3	0.4	0	26.1
103	Kenny Clark	DT	GB	8	20.7	9.6	0	0	0.2	0	0	25.7
104	Rodney Gunter	DT	ARI	8	16.7	8	1.8	0	0	0.7	0	25.7
105	D.J. Reader	NT	HOU	7	13.1	15.6	2.2	0	0	0	0	25.3
106	Earl Mitchell	DT	SF	11	18	9.3	0.9	0	0.3	0	0	24.8
107	Star Lotulelei	DT	CAR	11	15	9.4	2.3	0	0.3	0	0	24.6
108	Margus Hunt	DE	IND	11	14.6	12.7	1	0	1.5	0	0	24.5
109	Ziggy Hood	DE	WAS	5	16	10.8	0.9	0	0	0.5	0	24.2
110	Brandon Mebane	NT	LAC	9	16.1	8.8	1.3	0.1	0.8	0	0	24.1
111	Taco Charlton	DE	DAL	6	13.7	6.9	3.1	0	0.3	0.2	0	24.1
112	Eddie Goldman	NT	CHI	9	14	6	3.5	0	0	0	0	24
113	Sharrif Floyd	DT	MIN	9	18.1	11.3	0.1	0	0	0	0	24
114	Stacy McGee	DT	WAS	5	15.2	5.7	1.6	0	0	1.3	0	23.9
115	Sheldon Day	DT	JAX	8	11.2	7.1	3.1	0	0.3	0	0	21.3
116	Malik McDowell	DE	SEA	6	14.3	6.5	1.5	0	0	0	0	20.6
117	DeMarcus Walker	DE	DEN	5	10.2	6.3	3.1	0	1	0	0	20.6
118	Willie Henry	DT	BAL	10	14.1	5.2	1.6	0	0	0	0	19.9
119	Derek Barnett	DE	PHI	10	11.1	4.2	3.1	0	0.1	0.2	0	19.9
120	Letroy Guion	DT	GB	8	13.8	7.1	0.9	0	0.2	0.2	0	19.8
121	Justin Ellis	DT	OAK	10	16.7	4.7	0	0	0.3	0	0	19.4
122	Dalvin Tomlinson	DT	NYG	8	11.2	7.6	1.1	0	1.2	0.2	0	18.8
123	Jordan Willis	DE	CIN	6	12.1	3.2	2.4	0	0	0	0	18.5
124	Mitch Unrein	DT	CHI	9	12.6	7.6	0.9	0	0	0	0	18.2
125	Chris Wormley	DT	BAL	10	10.7	3.1	1.2	0	0	0	0	14.7

CHEAT SHEETS

DEFENSIVE BACKS (IDP)

RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	BYE	TCKs	ASTs	SCKs	INT	PD	FRs	TDs	FPs
1	Landon Collins	NYG	8	93.5	26.5	2.5	3	15.2	1	0.2	136.2
2	Johnathan Cyprien	TEN	8	89.7	31.7	0.3	0.3	3.3	1.4	0	112.9
3	Barry Church	JAX	8	81.8	27.6	0	1.3	4	1.3	0	104.8
4	Reshad Jones	MIA	11	81.3	20.6	0.4	1.5	7	0.3	0.1	103.6
5	Malcolm Jenkins	PHI	10	62	20	0.3	2.7	13	1.7	1.3	102.2
6	Ha Ha Clinton-Dix	GB	8	74.3	19	1.5	2.7	7.7	1	0	101.9
7	Keanu Neal	ATL	5	76.5	28.7	0	0	0.2	5.1	0	101.3
8	Harrison Smith	MIN	9	70.7	22.3	2.4	2.6	5.2	1.1	0.3	101.1
9	Byron Jones	DAL	6	76.2	17.1	0	1.1	12.2	0.5	0	100.2
10	Marcus Peters	KC	10	42.1	8.5	0	7	30	2.5	0.8	100.2
11	Vonn Bell	NO	5	73.5	28.2	1.5	0.2	6.1	1.5	0	100.1
12	Su'a Cravens	WAS	5	73.3	21.1	1	1	8	1	0	97.9
13	Morgan Burnett	GB	8	70.5	26.4	1.5	1	5	2	0	97.7
14	Mike Adams	CAR	11	65.8	21.8	0.4	3.4	9.5	1.8	0	97.4
15	Karl Joseph	OAK	10	72.9	21.7	0.2	1.3	9.1	0.1	0	96.1
16	Eric Weddle	BAL	10	64.7	29	0.5	1.7	8.9	1.3	0	95.1
17	Kenny Vaccaro	NO	5	65.9	27.8	1.9	1.5	4.6	1.9	0	95
18	Kurt Coleman	CAR	11	55.1	23.8	0.7	5	11.7	1.1	0.3	94.1
19	Josh Norman	WAS	5	50.5	11.7	0	3	21.7	2.7	0.7	93.7
20	Bashaud Breeland	WAS	5	59.3	14.3	0.3	2.3	15	3	0	92.7
21	Rodney McLeod	PHI	10	68.3	12.7	0.3	2	8.3	2	0.1	92.2
22	Sean Davis	PIT	9	71.1	23.1	2.7	1.8	0.3	0	0	92
23	Daryl Worley	CAR	11	62.5	24.2	1.1	1.4	12.3	0	0	91.9
24	Logan Ryan	TEN	8	63.7	14.7	0.3	2.7	13.3	0.7	0	91.8
25	Casey Hayward	LAC	9	53.7	8.7	0	4.8	18.3	0.7	0.5	90.4
26	Eric Berry	KC	10	63.7	12.2	0	2.6	11.8	0.4	0.4	90
27	T.J. Ward	DEN	5	65.5	15.7	1.8	1.1	5.5	2.5	0	89.7
28	Shawn Williams	CIN	6	62.3	24.5	1.2	2.2	7.6	0	0	89
29	Artie Burns	PIT	9	57.2	19.6	0	2.5	16	0	0	88
30	Kam Chancellor	SEA	6	59.2	27.6	0	1.7	9.3	1	0	87.7
31	Tyrann Mathieu	ARI	8	60	5.3	0.8	2.8	12.6	1.2	0.2	86.1
32	Ricardo Allen	ATL	5	60	19	0.5	2.5	6.5	0.5	0	83
33	Vernon Hargreaves III	TB	11	62.1	9.2	0	1.5	12.3	0.5	0	83
34	Devin McCourty	NE	9	61.3	15.3	0.3	1.1	7	1.2	0	81.2
35	Mike Mitchell	PIT	9	55.3	20.7	0	1.3	8.3	2.3	0	81.2
36	Brent Grimes	TB	11	46.8	7.7	0	4.3	19.7	0.7	0.1	81
37	Malcolm Butler	NE	9	49.2	13.1	0.3	2.5	17.2	1	0	80.6
38	Glover Quin	DET	7	56	13.3	0	3.3	8.7	0.7	0.1	80
39	D.J. Swearinger	WAS	5	57.6	10.2	1	1.7	7.8	2	0	79.9
40	Jalen Ramsey	JAX	8	52.2	11.1	0	2.5	15.3	0.8	0	79.7
41	Robert Alford	ATL	5	46.4	10.1	0	2.7	19.1	0.5	0.4	79.4
42	Ron Parker	KC	10	55.7	10	0.2	1.1	13.3	1.3	0	79.2
43	Delvin Breaux	NO	5	35.5	7.5	1.5	18.1	0.5	0	0	79
44	Chris Harris Jr.	DEN	5	54.1	6.3	0.1	1.9	12.8	2	0.1	78.7
45	James Bradberry	CAR	11	51.3	13.2	0	2.4	15.6	0	0	78.3
46	Ronald Darby	BUF	6	60.5	8	0	1	11.5	0	0	78
47	Eli Apple	NYG	8	52.8	11.4	0	2.1	13.1	1	0	77.8
48	Patrick Chung	NE	9	52.8	35.4	0.3	0.7	3.7	0.3	0	76.8
49	Adam Jones	CIN	6	52.6	11	0.3	2.3	11.3	1	0	76.6
50	J.J. Wilcox	TB	11	54.3	13.3	0	1.7	9.1	1.4	0	76.3
51	Micah Hyde	BUF	6	52.8	9.7	1	2.7	9.4	0.7	0	75.9
52	Richard Sherman	SEA	6	41.7	18.3	0	3.3	16.7	0.6	0	75.4
53	Jimmie Ward	SF	11	56.8	11.7	0.7	0.7	7.4	0.6	0.1	74.7
54	Joe Haden	CLE	9	46.2	12.3	0	2.5	13.9	1.6	0	74.5
55	Dwight Lowery	LAC	9	51	13.7	0.3	1.3	9.3	1.7	0.1	74.4
56	Reggie Nelson	OAK	10	44.2	16.3	0.3	3.9	11	1.3	0	74.4
57	Trumaine Johnson	LAR	8	45.9	8.6	0	3.7	14	0.7	0.2	74.2
58	Kyle Fuller	CHI	9	49	10.5	0	3	10.5	1.5	0	73.8
59	Janoris Jenkins	NYG	8	47.8	4.7	0.3	2.5	15	1.3	0	73.4
60	Desmond Trufant	ATL	5	44.1	8.2	1.2	2	12.9	2	0.2	72.7
61	A.J. Bouye	JAX	8	48.2	12.1	0.3	1.5	13.7	0.2	0.1	72.6
62	Earl Thomas	SEA	6	42.6	22.9	0	2.7	8.6	1.7	0.1	72.1
63	George Iloka	CIN	6	47.1	23.2	0	2.3	8.4	0	0	71.7
64	E.J. Gaines	LAR	8	55	8	0	1	7.5	1.5	0	71.5
65	Darius Slay	DET	7	46.3	8.3	0.3	2	15.7	0.3	0	71.4
66	Byron Maxwell	MIA	11	43.6	8.3	0	2	13.6	2.7	0	70.8
67	Xavier Rhodes	MIN	9	45.9	7.3	0	2.3	15.3	0.3	0.1	70.7
68	Jalen Mills	PHI	10	53.4	12.1	0	0.5	10.2	0	0	70.7
69	D. Rodgers-Cromartie	NYG	8	37.6	5.6	0.3	3.8	19.1	1.1	0.1	70.5
70	Darian Stewart	DEN	5	46.8	14.7	0	1.7	8	2	0	69.6
71	Quintin Demps	CHI	9	38.4	19.9	0.2	3.7	9.8	1.7	0	69.4
72	Jahleel Addae	LAC	9	54	12.2	0.8	0.4	3.4	1.6	0	69.1
73	Damarious Randall	GB	8	44	4.5	0	3	14.5	0	0.2	68
74	Ryan Smith	TB	11	52.1	10.3	0	0.7	7.6	0.5	0	67.3
75	Tony Jefferson	BAL	10	54.3	10.1	0.3	0.1	3.7	1.1	0	66.1
76	Brandon Carr	BAL	10	52.7	11	0.3	0.3	6	0.3	0	66
77	Vontae Davis	IND	11	36.7	5.1	0	3.2	17.8	1.1	0	65.7
78	Darian Thompson	NYG	8	49.1	16.7	0	0.5	6.1	0.3	0	65.2
79	Eric Reid	SF	11	51.6	10	0.3	1.2	4	0.6	0	64.8
80	Adrian Amos	CHI	9	57	9	0.5	0	0	1	0	64.5
81	Rashard Robinson	SF	11	43.3	7.6	0	1.7	13.3	0.2	0	64.2
82	Andrew Sendejo	MIN	9	43.9	18.6	0.3	1.2	5.3	1.3	0	64.1
83	Dontae Johnson	SF	11	42.6	14.7	0	0.8	12.1	0.2	0	64.1
84	Xavien Howard	MIA	11	45.2	15.1	0	1.1	8.7	0	0	63.7
85	Anthony Brown	DAL	6	44	14.2	0	1.2	10.1	0	0	63.6
86	Jaquiski Tartt	SF	11	52.3	11.3	0	0	4.6	0.5	0	63.6
87	Patrick Peterson	ARI	8	42	5.3	0.2	2.7	9.7	0.3	0.3	62.6
88	Patrick Robinson	PHI	10	44	6.5	0	2.7	8.6	0.3	0	61.9
89	Jamal Adams	NYJ	11	44.1	19.2	0.1	0.9	2.7	1.6	0	61.6
90	Davon House	GB	8	38.3	7.9	0	2.4	12.3	1	0	61.4
91	David Amerson	OAK	10	43.5	5.3	0	1.5	10.4	0.3	0.1	60.8
92	Prince Amukamara	CHI	9	46	6.3	0	1.3	7.3	0.6	0	60.3
93	Dre Kirkpatrick	CIN	6	45.2	7.1	0	2	6.8	0.3	0	60.2
94	Nolan Carroll	DAL	6	40.6	12.3	0	1	9.3	0.6	0.1	59.9
95	Stephon Gilmore	NE	9	34.8	4.7	0	3.7	14.7	0.3	0	59.9
96	Orlando Scandrick	DAL	6	40.1	6	0.6	1	9	2.1	0	59.5
97	Aqib Talib	DEN	5	35.6	7.1	0	2.6	14.3	0.4	0	59.5
98	Adoree' Jackson	TEN	8	37.2	11.1	0	1.8	12.3	0.3	0	59.3
99	Kevin Johnson	HOU	7	43.8	5.5	0	1.2	8.9	0.5	0	58.9
100	Lamarcus Joyner	LAR	8	46.2	14	1.3	0	1.7	0.6	0	58.7
101	Sean Smith	OAK	10	38.1	5.6	0	1.7	14	0	0	58.3
102	Ross Cockrell	PIT	9	40.5	12.5	0	1	6.5	1.5	0	58.3
103	Daniel Sorensen	KC	10	43.4	4.7	0.8	1.2	4.1	2	0	57.9
104	K.J. Dillon	HOU	7	36.3	14.9	0	2.1	8.6	0.3	0	57.2
105	Johnathan Joseph	HOU	7	41	6.3	0	1	10.3	0.2	0	56.9
106	Deshawn Shead	SEA	6	37.4	12.7	0.3	0.7	8.7	1	0	56.5
107	Jamar Taylor	CLE	9	42.2	9	0	1.1	6	0.4	0	55.7
108	Trae Waynes	MIN	9	38.9	7.5	0	1.7	9.6	0	0	55.7
109	Jabrill Peppers	CLE	9	42.1	16.1	1.3	0.5	1	0	0	54.8
110	Andre Hal	HOU	7	33.6	13.2	0.4	2	9	0.3	0	54.6
111	Terence Newman	MIN	9	36.4	7.6	0	1.7	10.7	0	0	54.3
112	Captain Munnerlyn	CAR	11	41.6	10.3	0.2	0.7	4.1	0.8	0	54.3
113	DJ Hayden	DET	7	41.9	5.3	0.3	0.7	6.3	0.7	0	54.3
114	Kareem Jackson	HOU	7	42.9	6.7	0	0.7	5.3	0.5	0	54
115	Tre'Davious White	BUF	6	38.3	7.6	0	0.5	10.6	0	0	53.7
116	Marcus Maye	NYJ	11	38.4	16.4	0	0.7	3	1.1	0	53.2
117	P.J. Williams	NO	5	34.1	10.1	0	0.8	12.2	0	0	53
118	Tashaun Gipson	JAX	8	38.6	12.3	0	1.6	4.5	0.2	0	52.9
119	Buster Skrine	NYJ	11	37.6	7.5	0.3	1.2	8.5	0	0	52.9
120	Antoine Bethea	ARI	8	81.6	16.8	0.8	1.2	4.7	0.3	0.8	48
121	Clayton Geathers	IND	11	40.3	9.7	0	0	0	1.4	0	48
122	Da'Norris Searcy	TEN	8	34.7	9.2	0.2	0.8	4.7	0.7	0	47.4
123	Phillip Gaines	KC	10	35.7	1.8	0	0.6	7.1	1.2	0	47.3
124	Maurice Alexander	LAR	8	34.2	9.5	1	1	3.5	0.3	0	47.1
125	Jimmy Smith	BAL	10	33.1	5	0.3	1.3	7	0	0.1	46.4
126	T.J. Green	IND	11	39.1	9.6	0	0	2.1	0.2	0	46.4
127	Bradley McDougald	SEA	6	32.1	11.2	0	1.2	5.4	0.3	0	46.1
128	LeShaun Sims	TEN	8	32.4	10.3	0	0.6	6.7	0	0	45.5
129	Eric Rowe	NE	9	28.2	8.3	0	1.3	9.6	0	0	44.6
130	Malik Hooker	IND	11	29.1	4.6	0	1.3	10.1	0.1	0	44.3
131	Calvin Pryor	NYJ	11	32.5	15.4	0.1	0.4	2.3	0.3	0	44.1
132	Ibraheim Campbell	CLE	9	35.3	16.2	0	0	0	0	0	43.4
133	Morris Claiborne	NYJ	11	27.5	4.3	0	1.1	10.1	0.3	0	42.6
134	Tavon Wilson	DET	7	34.2	7	0.3	0.7	2	0.3	0	42.3
135	Jason Verrett	LAC	9	33.7	3.7	0	0.5	5.6	0	0	42.2
136	T.J. McDonald	MIA	11	29.8	10.6	0.7	0.5	3.5	0.5	0	42
137	Nate Allen	MIA	11	29.6	8.5	0.2	1	4.8	0.2	0	41.5
138	Gareon Conley	OAK	10	30.7	4.1	0	0.5	7.5	0	0	41.3
139	Quincy Wilson	IND	11	28	8.1	0	0.3	8.3	0.1	0	41.2
140	Jordan Poyer	BUF	6	28	12.1	0.4	0.8	2.3	1.2	0	41.2
141	Chidobe Awuzie	DAL	6	26.3	8.2	0	0.7	8.9	0	0	40.7
142	Kevin King	GB	8	29.6	3.8	0	0.2	8.5	0	0	40.4
143	Marshon Lattimore	NO	5	26.7	5.2	0	0.5	10.1	0	0	40.4
144	Jeff Heath	DAL	6	29.7	8.3	0	0.7	2.3	0.3	0	38.2
145	Kevon Seymour	BUF	6	21.3	10.7	0	0.3	10.1	0	0	37.4
146	Quinten Rollins	GB	8	28.5	3.1	0.3	0.1	6.5	0	0	37.4
147	Kayvon Webster	LAR	8	32.3	3.1	0	0	2.3	0	0	36.2
148	Obi Melifonwu	OAK	10	20.1	8	0.2	1.8	6	0	0	34.1
149	Brandon Williams	ARI	8	36.7	8.6	0	0.3	6.8	0	0	33.6
150	Budda Baker	ARI	8	26.4	4.6	0	0.2	4.5	0	0	33.6
151	Ed Reynolds	CLE	9	23	9	0.1	0.5	1	0	0	29.7
152	Rashaan Melvin	IND	11	24	4.7	0	0	1.5	0.5	0	28.9
153	DeAngelo Hall	WAS	5	20.5	6.4	0	0	1.6	0.7	0	26.7
154	Marlon Humphrey	BAL	10	19.6	3.1	0	0.6	4.2	0	0	26.6

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